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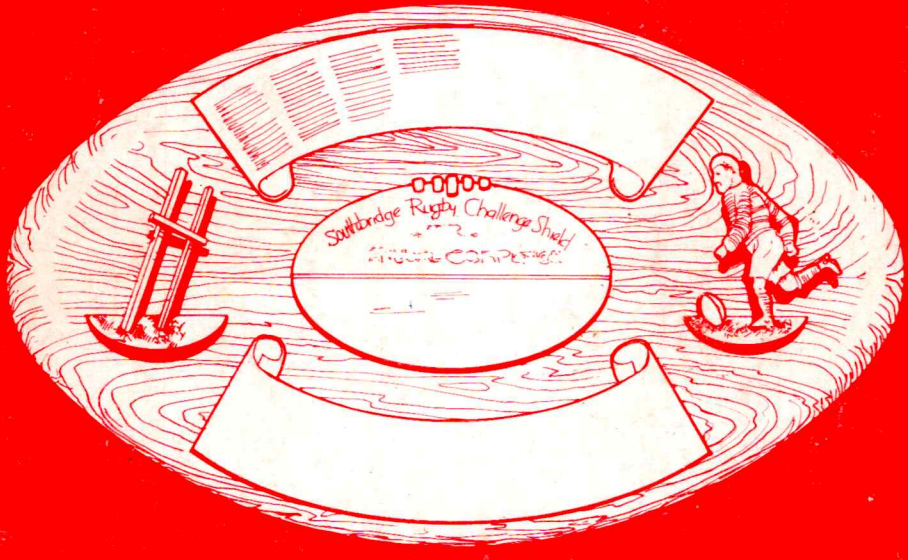

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For several years, Officials of the Canterbury Rugby Sub-Union have been unanimous that the history of Canterbury Country Rugby should be recorded in concise form, before the existing records are lost in antiquity. I regard it as great privilege and honour, to be entrusted with the task.

It is most appropriate that the completion of this Canterbury Country Rugby's own history should take place almost one hundred years after the first clubs were officially formed.

Although I have been required to spend hundreds of hours in perusal of the many sources of information available, I have found the work most interesting and pleasant, the task has been made less difficult by the co-operation of those possessing knowledge of the early days of our formation and others able and most willing to advise me where valuable information was obtainable. I refer here to men such as Mr Ken Henderson of Oxford, who has kept a most comprehensive record of our activities for over sixty years, Mr Lamb of the Christchurch Public Library, Mr Sam Maxwell of Culverden, Mr Charlie Watson of Rangiora and to the officials of all Sub-Unions.

In many case the opinions expressed are my own and although not agreed with by all, they are the more interesting because of that fact.

It will be noted that there are some notes that are not directly associated with Country Rugby, but I believe they provide great interest to all generations of the rugby fraternity.

R. J. Malcolm Millar.

Rangiora. November 29, 1975.

FORWARD

Rugby has always been played in Country areas of Canterbury, so this is an opportune time to present a record of the progress made during one hundred years.

The County Sub-Union Executive has for many years discussed the recording of a history, but it was not until 1972 that Malcolm Millar accepted the challenge of preparing this record.

On behalf of the Executive, past players and the public at large I thank Malcolm for the work he has put into this presentation.

I am sure this history will be of great interest to all supporters of rugby in Canterbury.

Harold Baylis,
President,
Country Sub-Union's Assn.

PROLOGUE

Country Rugby in Canterbury has always held a position of prominence in New Zealand's national sport.

From the time the code of Rugby Union Football was introduced and officially recognised, country clubs were formed and we find that these clubs are still in existence and flourishing today, one hundred years after their official formation and long before the Canterbury Rugby Football Union was established in 1879. Three of these clubs Rangiora, Southbridge and Ashburton were included in the seven original clubs of the C.R.F.U.

Our sub-Unions have provided many players of Provincial and National level, administrators and referees from the rural areas have also gained recognition at Provincial level.

The first Town versus Country match recorded was played on Cramner Square in 1876, but no further encounters were recorded until 1907 when the first of an almost unbroken series of fixtures was played. Six Sub-Unions have been affiliated to the C.R.U. and all were operating during the first 25 years of this century. They were Ashburton, south of the Rakaia River, Malvern, west between the Rakaia and the Waimakarari, Ellesmere, in the centre of this area with Banks Peninsula in the East. North Canterbury, north of the Waimakarari and Hurunui in the far north with the Clarence River as the north boundary.

North Canterbury Sub-Union was officially formed in 1905 with the others following in succession. Ashburton proved to be a strong unit and in 1925 an application for affiliation to the New Zealand Rugby Union was made. This was granted on May 16, 1927 thus terminating official association with the C.R.F.U. and the Canterbury Country.

The Peninsula and Malvern Sub-Union's strength and existence became the victims of the drift of population to the larger centres and the trend of farming to mechanisation and ultimately became defunct, Peninsula in 1959 and Malvern in 1967.

Country Rugby suffered severely by the two World Wars, 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 and only a strenuous effort by the administrations enabled the game to be restored to its previous highly organised standard. Until recent years travelling was always a major problem and a severe handicap to the game in areas controlled by the Sub-Unions, especially in the era when horse and train was the accepted mode of transport; the advent of present day conveyance has reduced this problem to a minimum.

The hardships endured by those who pioneered our rugby are little known or respected by those who administrate or play the game today but it is without doubt that we inherited our love for the sport from the original enthusiasts. Clubs existed and thrived in areas that are barely a geographical spot today. e.g. Milltown, French Farm etc.

One advantage to our code brought about by this isolation was the almost complete absence of opposition from the League Code. A League Club was formed in Rakaia in the early thirties when Public Work Camps were established to bridge build etc. This club came to an abrupt termination when the team was disqualified for leaving the playing area after a member had been ordered off by the referee. A league club was also formed in Prebbleton in the post war period of 1939-1945, this was also short lived. Kaiapoi and Rolleston are at present the only centres where such opposition is apparent.

Considering the many miles that had to be travelled by teams to complete e.g. Kaikoura to Waikari, 85 miles, or Oxford to Glenmark (Omihi) 40 miles, these clubs have enjoyed remarkable achievements and sustained strength, thus endorsing the theory that enthusiam and dedication is a most necessary ingredient for success in sport. One factor that must be considered but often overlooked is the fact that many of the participants of the rugby code in these outlying areas have had the advantage of College Secondary Education e.g. Christchurch Boys High School, St. Andrews College and Christs College and it must be conceded that these proven nurseries of rugby have made a wonderful contribution to the standard of our game.

All Sub-Unions have experienced fluctuating periods and all have produced players who have worn the All Black jersey, there is no doubt that these greats are idolised and remembered by country supporters to a far greater measure than those of equal greatness playing in Union Clubs.

A body consisting of the Sub-Union delegates organised Country rugby, but it was not until 1935, that an official organisation was formed and was known as the Canterbury Rugby Sub-Unions which was officially accepted by the Canterbury Rugby Union in 1966, an Association of Sub-Unions was established.

Top administrators are never recognised as are our top players and are certainly forgotten much sooner. The dedicated enthusiast carries on with administration at the end of his playing days and moves up to top level, Country Association officials travel many miles in the course of their expected duties and it is most time consuming, but a close examination of their position proves that the same infectious fever is found in administration as in players and supporters. Referees and selectors are involved to a similar degree and certainly criticised to an equal level.

The term that the cream always comes to the top could be aptly employed when referring in most cases to country officials.

FIRST PRESIDENT

The first president of the Country organisation was Harry Saundercock of Waikari, he proved to be a man of outstanding administrative ability and had the distinction of being the first Country Representative on the C.R.F.U. committee. Mr Saundercock was succeeded in office by another Hurunui official in Charlie McKeegan. McKeegan was ruthless in his criticism of those who stood in the path of Country rugby progress. In his exuberant efforts to ensure that Country players received just recognition at Canterbury level he stated publicly that the Canterbury selectors did not look beyond the tram terminals.

The Christchurch electric tram service is now history and for those of our younger generation's benefit the terminals were: Papanui, Sockburn, Cashmere, Sumner, New Brighton and Addington. He often referrel to the Canterbury A team as the tramline team.

Mr McKeegan was a shrewd administrator, but possessed a cunning sense of humour. One factual story told by a Hurunui colleague relates to a Canterbury selector contacting McKeegan regarding a player for a key position in a Canterbury Representative team and Charlie did not hesitate to recommend a player who was duly given the game. This player unfortunately had a bad day and the Canterbury Selector reported the matter to Charlie in most unequivocal terms. McKeegan's reply was that he thought the player was doubtful, but he wanted to prove his beliefs at the Canterbury selectors expense.

Charlie McKeegan was also elected to the C.R.U. Management committee.

Victor Craw was another Country Official who gave a lifetime of service to rugby. He was a member of the country executive for twenty years and was a Canterbury A selector. The Craw Shield, competed for annually between Town and Country was donated by Victor Craw.

Frank Foley from Amberley in North Canterbury, was another whose contribution could be described as mammoth, he represented Canterbury as a player before World War II while a member of the High School Old Boys Club in the C.R.U. He also filled the position of senior selector and president of the Country Association, and at the time of his death, was secretary of the Association as well as a vice-president of the Canterbury Rugby Union.

Mervyn Barnett of Dunsandel, in Ellesmere, was president of the Association and is at present a vice-president of the C.R.F.U. Mervyn is also a life member of the Country Association.

Ray Catherwood from the now defunct club of Cust in North Canterbury, was for many years identified with the administration

and held the office of president of the Association for six years, his Life Membership to the Country Association was justified.

Charlie Watson of the strong Oxford club and now elected Rangiora as his domicile, is one who did not hold office at administration level but was a successful selector of the Country senior team and a most astute judge of a players ability.

Tom Wheeler of the Waihora Club, Ellesmere, could also be described as an outstanding personality in Country rugby, he had a brilliant playing career for Ellesmere and Country. Tom was a country selector and when it was resolved that the Association elect a vice-president, he was the obvious choice and was duly elected.

Although service records are easy to claim but hard to confirm, one that we can claim and would stretch the historians memory beyond average capacity would be that of Gordon Atkinson of the Ellesmere Sub-Union. Gordon has served as Secretary of Ellesmere for 45 years successively. This marathon effort justifies him for a prominent place in the history book.

The Rev. Theo. Patterson of Malvern, served for several years as President of the Sub-Union and also on the Executive of the Association.

Country rugby has been served in the administration by men who possessed playing experience at representative level and this must be claimed as a distinct advantage.

Sam Maxwell gave almost fifty years service to Country rugby. He played for Ellesmere, Ashburton and Hurunui, he now resides in Culverden. Sam has a record of firsts that cannot be found in our area. He played in four winning Country teams over Town, he was captain of the first Sub-Union's team to tour, that was in 1929, he also was a member of the Ashburton Sub-Union team that had the first successful challenge for the Southbridge Shield.

REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

With the establishment of a Referee's Association at Sub-Union and Country level, many of the Country referees have gained top Provincial honours and it is believed that this has contributed to the higher standard of rugby that has been experienced over the past 20 years and in turn has benefited the chances of our top players at Canterbury level.

Mervyn Barnett was graded to the five top referees for a number of years and was invited to control several provincial representative fixtures.

Hugh Gray of Hurunui also achieved a similar distinction, as did Stewart Miller of Ellesmere. Warren Eaglesome of North Canterbury has given 25 years active service with the whistle and has been the Country delegate on the Canterbury Referees Association Executive for a number of years.

The rapidity at which the laws of the game have changed, brings home to all associated with rugby, the great advantage of the Referees Association, and with the frequent instruction talks by the top Canterbury instructor, much uniformity in the interpretation of the rules has been apparent.

Len Kirk, who for many years, was one of the top provincial referees and is currently senior instructor for the Canterbury Rugby Referees Association frequently travels to country meetings to instruct and has made a great contribution to the present standard.

It has been said that the strength of any club is judged on the playing ability of its senior team, and many followers of the game are inclined to forget the lower grades. Fortunately the parents of players in these grades ensure that this does not happen and it is here that the formation of the Junior Advisory Board has been of tremendous value to Sub-Union and Country Executives.

With the introduction of the Under 16 South Island Tournament five years ago the Canterbury Country Team has made a tremendous impact when opposed to the teams competing from larger Unions. The first of these tournaments in 1970 saw the Country XV emerge equal first with the Marlborough team, and in subsequent fixtures has performed with great credit.

The matching of the J.A.B. teams against Town on Country Day creates much interest and contributes to the success of this annual fixture in no small way. Before 1968 the Country grades were given one year dispensation over their Town opposition, this dispensation did little to create the harmony that is evident since the agreement that all grades are matched at equal ages.

The Junior Advisory Board in Canterbury, which includes Country Sub-Unions, is administered by the Board in all grades below the under 19 grade. The Board is solely advisory and all recommendations are approved by the governing body before any action is confirmed.

HARDSHIP ENDURED

The hardships endured by players in the early days have been recorded, but transport to and from the games was not the total inconvenience experienced. Country clubs outside the main centres were always faced with a playing field problem and in some cases farm paddocks were marked out each year, a perfect example of this practice was the Irwell Club in Ellesmere. Only during the last 20 years has Sudeley Park been established to give this old Club a permanent home. Under the circumstances mentioned, changing facilities were of a most primitive nature and the extravagant indulgence immediately after match ablution was unheard of. A hand pump or the nearby creek was regarded as a luxury.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

The attendance at all matches by the St. John Ambulance Officers is now regarded as a must and although the values of their services to all sports must not be questioned, the serious nature of some stoppages for injury could be queeried and probably would not even hold play for a single second if it were not for the presence on the touch line of the local netball teams.

In the rural areas the St. John volunteers travel many miles each Saturday or wherever a match is scheduled, to give service and it is recognised by the authorities that this organisation's contribution is of great importance. Mr Alan Eaglesome of Rangiora makes an outstanding contribution to the efficiency of this organisation.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Country medical practitioners have also always been most co-operative and have given the game outstanding service. In many cases no fees have been charged to players receiving treatment for injury.

Medical men have also played a part in administration. Dr T. J. Withers of Southbridge was the first President of the Ellesmere Sub-Union. Dr. E. W. Hunt also of Southbridge was a member of the Ellesmere Sub-Union and the Country Executive in the late thirties and early forties.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The social activities of Country rugby has always been one area where it can be claimed an advantage when comparing with the city clubs. The providing of afternoon tea by the home club has contributed much to the harmony and goodwill that exists and it is in this field that the women supporters make a most worthwhile contribution.

All clubs have had their stalwarts.

The Culverden Club conferred the honour of Club Patroness on Mrs R. B. Henderson for outstanding service to the club. The North Canterbury Sub-Union gave similar honour to Mrs W. Watson for her contribution to the game. Mrs Watson's first husband, the late Alf Hunnibell, was closely associated with the Sub-Union also.

For many years the Dunsandel Club and especially the players, looked upon Mrs Forster as being their mother. Mrs Forster prepared afternoon tea for all teams playing at home and she was one of the most enthusiastic supporters.

Mrs Hasell of the Waikari United Club was also a most conscientious supporter and her efforts for that Club will always be remembered.

THE ORIGIN OF RUGBY FOOTBALL

The game of rugby is discussed much more than any other sport, for at least six months of the year, in hotels, club rooms, smoko breaks and in offices at all times and inevitably past history becomes a question, therefore this history would be incomplete without some reference to the origin of the game and the first written rules and regulations.

Various interpretations of rules were employed at first and only adhered too at the discretion of the two teams involved in any one match, in fact it is recorded that a change of rules at half-time was quite common.

In 1895 a sub-committee of the old Rugbeian Society went fully into the matter of submitting a report. This report read as follows.

"It is an established fact that at Eton, Harrow and Winchester Schools, a game of football was played and one paragraph states: In each particular school the rules of the game were settled by the area of the playground."

As far back as 1314, a game of football was played and the laws were passed in the reigns of Edward III, Richard II and Henry IV against such games being played, on account of the game being a rival to archery. It was described as a violent and boisterous past-time and unquestionably included handling the ball as well as kicking it.

One school. however, seems to have had a grass playing area of ample dimensions, and that was the Rugby School and the game was continued there and as further stated: The original game survived there almost in its primitive shape.

Schools at Charter House, West Minister, Winchester, Eton and Harrow had confined areas which were declared unsuited to the so-called primitive game. Therefore it came about that at Rugby alone the old style of game prevailed.

The sub-committee established the fact that at Rugby the game known as Rugby was played regularly by those attending the school.

An old newspaper states at no other public school was the running or collaring game kept up.

The few rules in those far off days were interesting. One reads: "No one was allowed to run with the ball in his grasp towards the opposite goal—it was football not handball. There was plenty of tackling but little struggling therefore in 1749 the game was practically what is now known as Association Football. It was in 1823 that a change was made in one of the rules which clearly proved that the Rugby School game was distinguished from the then almost association rules. The change is worth recording and is as follows:

"A lad of nine years named William Webb Ellis joined Rugby School in 1816 and in the second half of the year 1823, whilst playing Bigside at football, caught the ball in his arms. This being so, according to the rules in force, he should have retired back as far as he pleased without parting with the ball, for his opponents could only advance to the spot where he had caught the ball. Ellis, however, for the first time disregarded the rule and rushed forward towards the goal line. It is also recorded that this act caused great trouble but there is no record of any penalty being inflicted for the breach."

Mr Ellis later took Holy Orders. There is a tablet which reads, "This stone commemorates the exploit of William Webb Ellis, who with fine disregard for the rules of football as played in his time first took the ball in his arms and ran with it, thus originating the distinctive feature of the rugby game."

A.D. 1823, Mr Judge Hughes author of "Tom Brown's Schooldays" writes, "in 1834 running with the ball to get a try by touching down within the goal was not absolutely forbidden, but anyone who did so would have a verdict of justifiable homicide, had he been killed in the process of running.

The practice grew however, and in 1838 it became tolerated and a great adept at that part was one known as "Jem" Mackie, a great runner-in. In 1841 running-in became lawful within limitations.

A set of rules was prepared and these could barely be identified if compared with those in force at the present time.

THE SOUTHBRIDGE SHIELD

In 1923 Mr Pat Delargey, the owner of the Southbridge hotel and the then President of the Ellesmere Sub-Union donated a shield for annual competition between Sub-Union's affiliated to the Canterbury Rugby Football Union.

The conditions were that the trophy be known as the "Delargey Shield" and games be on a challenge basis, to be played on a playing field in the holders sub-union with the exception of Ellesmere where the donor stipulated that all matches be played at Southbridge if Ellesmere were the holders.

This stipulation did not meet the approval of the rugby followers in the area and in 1932 Mr Delargey agreed to allow the sub-union to fix a shield match venue elsewhere in the sub-union.

The name of the shield from "Delargey" to Southbridge was also made effective. Ellesmere were declared the first holders with Ashburton making the first successful challenge.

SOUTHBRIDGE SHIELD WINNERS

1922, Ellesmere declared holders; 1923, Ashburton; 1924, Ellesmere; 1925, Ellesmere; 1926, Peninsula; 1927, Hurunui; 1928, Ellesmere; 1929, Peninsula; 1930, Hurunui; 1931, no record; 1932, Ellesmere; 1933, Hurunui; 1934, Malvern; 1935, Hurunui; 1936, Hurunui;

1937, Hurunui; 1938, Ellesmere; 1939, North Canterbury; 1940 to 1946, no competition due to World War II; 1946, Hurunui; 1947, North Canterbury; 1948, Malvern; 1949, Hurunui; 1950, North Canterbury; 1951, Ellesmere; 1952, Hurunui; 1953, Ellesmere; 1954, Ellesmere; 1955, Ellesmere; 1956, North Canterbury; 1957, North Canterbury; 1958, Hurunui; 1959, Ellesmere; 1960, Hurunui; 1961, Ellesmere; 1962, Hurunui; 1963, Ellesmere; 1964, Ellesmere; 1965, North Canterbury; 1966, North Canterbury; 1967, North Canterbury; 1968, Hurunui; 1969, North Canterbury; 1970, Hurunui; 1971, Hurunui; 1972, Ellesmere; 1973, Ellesmere; 1974, North Canterbury; 1975, North Canterbury.

THE MUNRO SHIELD

In 1949, Mr A. A. Munroe of Rotherham, donated a shield to the Country Sub-Unions for junior competition. The present rules state that it is for players under the age of nineteen years on the 1st April, who have not played senior representative rugby.

This trophy has attracted very keen competition between sub-union teams of this most important grade.

MUNRO SHIELD WINNERS

1949, Ellesmere; 1950, Hurunui; 1951, Ellesmere; 1952, Ellesmere; 1953, Hurunui; 1954, Ellesmere; 1955, Ellesmere; 1956, Malvern; 1957, Ellesmere; 1958, North Canterbury; 1959, North Canterbury; 1960, North Canterbury; 1961, North Canterbury; 1962, North Canterbury; 1963, North Canterbury; 1964, North Canterbury; 1965, North Canterbury; 1966, North Canterbury; 1967, North Canterbury; 1968, Ellesmere; 1969, Ellesmere; 1970, Hurunui; 1971, Hurunui; 1972, Ellesmere; 1973, Ellesmere; 1974, Ellesmere; 1975, North Canterbury.

THE FORMATION OF COUNTRY RUGBY FROM 1876

It must be accepted that this year be regarded as our foundation. Although a group of enthusiasts had met in Rangiora the previous year to form a club, no reference was made to rugby rules being accepted.

This claim is comfirmed by the fact that the first game played against Christchurch on June 10, 1876, at Rangiora, the Rangiora team refused to play rugby rules. The report states that soccer rules were played in the first half but rugby rules were employed in the second spell and all agreed that they were much better. Rangiora agreed to adapt the rugby rules in all subsequent games, and thus they were accepted as a rugby club.

At the meeting held in Rangiora in 1875 the following officers were elected—President: Mr Merton; vice-president: Mr Burns; committee: Messrs E. and R. Chapman, Fulton, Good, Leach, Martin, Morice, Smith and Watson. Club colours were to be a white jersey with a red badge.

Clubs were formed at Kaiapoi and Rakaia on July 29, the same year.

A Town v Country game was played on Cramner Square. The only report on the game states that the game was rough, no score being recorded.

After this encounter, a Canterbury team was selected. Country players included were: J. D. Millton, G. H. Lee, E. Chapman of Rangiora and T. W. Stringer of Kaiapoi, who later became Judge Stringer of the Supreme Court.

The Rangiora club was officially known as North Canterbury.

1877

Clubs were formed at Leeston, Southbridge and Ellesmere. District games were played between Leeston and Southbridge. The "Lyttleton Times" reports that on June 6 a meeting was held in Mr Loes' Leeston hotel for the purpose of forming a football club. A club was formed and Mr Loe asked the meeting to form a committee.

1878

Clubs were formed at Ashburton and South Rakaia. The first known match played by Ellesmere consisting of a combined Leeston and Southbridge team played Eastern (Christchurch) at Leeston.

Eastern won by 18-0. Southbridge played Eastern later in the season on Cramner Square with Eastern again winning, this time 5-0. The report states that the match commenced after the Southbridge team had been entertained to an excellent luncheon at the Eastern Hotel. Southbridge left immediately after the game to catch the 4.20 train home.

Akaroa played French Farm the same day, on a paddock owned by Mr Watkins with Akaroa winning.

A proposal was made at this stage to divide the province into three districts: (1) North of the Waimakariri; (2) Waimakariri to the Rangitata; (3) Rangitata to Waitaki. This was described as the first hint that a Country Rugby Organisation was alive.

May 11. A meeting to form an Ashburton club had positive results, a letter read at this meeting stated that the Bank of New Zealand had issued instructions that no member of its staff should play the brutal and demoralising game. This caused much comment and many humorous letters were written to the paper on the subject.

1879

The Canterbury Rugby Football Union was formed, the first President being Mr Harman. The country clubs of Rangiora, Southbridge, Leeston, Ashburton and Amberley were reported as being interested in participating in competition, but only Rangiora, Southbridge and Ashburton were included in the original clubs of seven to form the Union.

Lincoln College although not an officially formed club played Southbridge at Lincoln, the College team averaged ten stone one pound as against the heavier Southbridge giants of ten stone seven pound.

Cust and Amberley Rangers Clubs were formed.

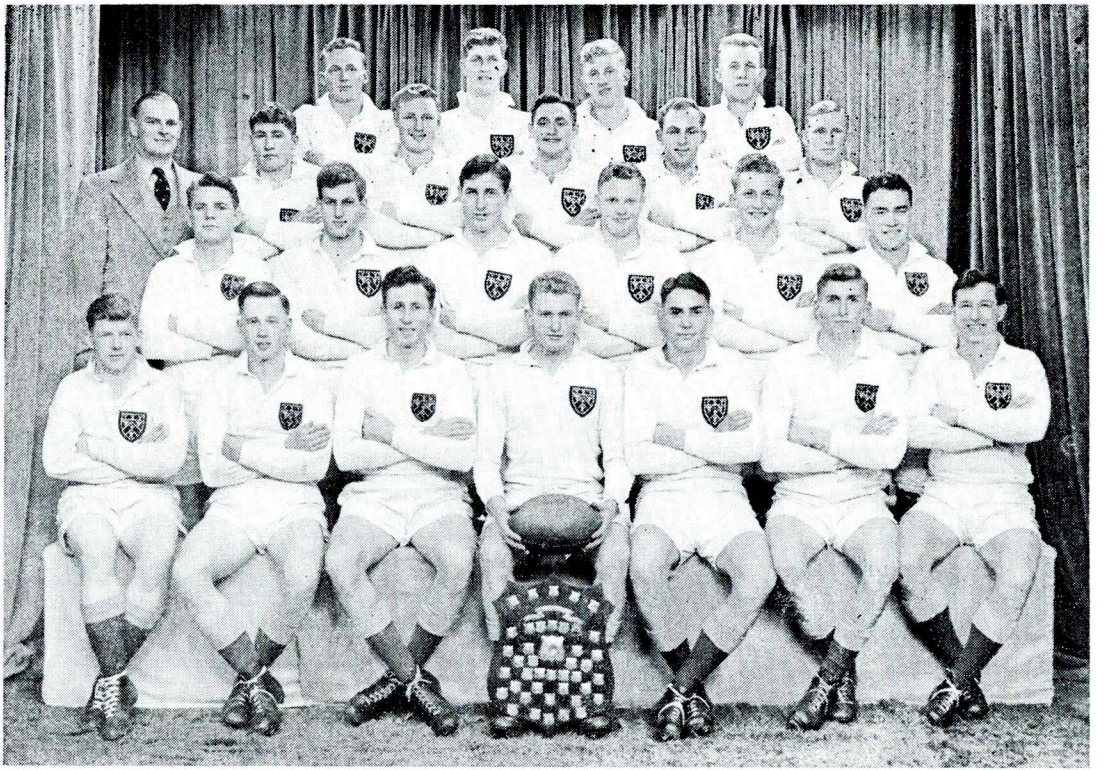
1880

As the Canterbury Rugby Union was now established, it was necessary for Clubs to register their colours. Rangiora were white jerseys with red star and Southbridge, dark blue. At the first annual general meeting of the Union, Mr W. S. Bean represented Southbridge and Mr Greenwood the Rangiora Club.

The first Canterbury team under the Union was selected to play Otago on August 28. Country players included were: C. D'Auvergne and G. Helmore of Rangiora. Much criticism was levelled at the method of selecting this team. Leeston, Southbridge and Rangiora Clubs were visited by town teams and good progress was reported.

1881

The Lincoln College Club was officially formed and played the first game against Southbridge. A report states that the Southbridge



CANTERBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Winners Ellesmere Sub-Union Competition, 1954
Games Played 17, Won 11, Lost 6. Points 219, Against 123.

Back Row: R. Gilmore, D. C. M. Manson, G. P. Brown, J. K. Fincham.
Third Row: D. S. Hart (coach), J. K. McKenzie, I. G. Smeaton, K. L. Waters, J. E. Sutherland, D. J. Masterton.
Second Row: P. E. C. Archdale, P. J. C. Fleming, J. H. Mauger, B. K. Cameron, D. B. Kennedy, W. R. Wordley.
Front Row: J. A. Nimmo, J. A. Pottinger, R. W. Moffat, J. R. Sharp (captain), R. F. Apatu (v-capt.), A. R. Hutton, V. A. Ashworth.

team was entertained to luncheon by the Director of the College. H. A. Knight was the College captain and Claud Willis led the Southbridge team.

1882

Akaroa and Oxford Clubs were formed. A New South Wales team toured New Zealand and played against Canterbury at Lancaster Park. N.S.W. won 7-2 and the game was described as exciting, fast and open, doing much for the promotion of the game.

1883

Woodend, Waikari and Irwell Clubs were formed, while the Southbridge club was forced into recess due to lack of district interest. School rugby was played at Ohoka and Southbrook, but no club was reported as being formed at Ohoka for many years.

1884

Winslow and Fairlie Clubs formed. The Kaiapoi Club was reported as officially formed, their colours being broad bands of red and white.

A New Zealand team was selected to tour New South Wales. Of the original selection, four Canterbury players were included. They were W. V. Millton captain, E. B. Millton, G. H. Helmore and E. D'Auvergne, they were all from what was interpreted as Country. W. V. Millton had played for Kaiapoi, the remaining three were members of the now well established Rangiora Club, D'Auvergne withdrew and was replaced by R. J. Wilson.

A writer commented that the selection of the team was not the best, as a number of players were of the opinion that they were expected to pay their own expenses and have them refunded at the conclusion of the tour. This apparently was not correct and one Auckland member of the 19 strong team refused to go unless he was paid—there is no record of his demands being met or rejected.

The uniform for the team was navy blue jersey with gold fern on breast and knickerbockers and stockings of the same colour.

Winslow and Fairlie Clubs were formed. Whistles were used by Umpires for the first time. Control by voice was the method prior to this innovation.

1885

Little River and French Farm Clubs formed. A complaint was made to the C.R.U. regarding the state of the ball used in a Kaiapoi v Merivale match. The report states that due to a large hole in the bladder, the ball could not be inflated and consequently no goals could be kicked. In the succeeding ninety years this is one excuse even our top players have omitted to employ.

The Canterbury Union adopted the system of scoring by points and not by goals or tries.

A report at the annual general meeting of the C.R.U. to the effect that the East Christchurch Club had made arrangements to lease Lancaster Park for the season. The ground had been unfit to play on in the past due to poor drainage. This situation is not entirely foreign to more recent members of the grounds committee. The East Christchurch Club had arranged for 47 matches for the season.

1886

The Winchester Club was formed.

1887

Mr W. V. Millton, Canterbury and New Zealand captain, died of Typhoid fever at the age of twenty-nine years. Millton had also served as President and Secretary of the Union.

Little activity in country areas was reported. The Rangiora Club was strong and at the top of the senior points table. This year saw the Linwood Club become affiliated to C.R.U.

1888

Kaikoura, Amuri and Dunsandel Clubs were formed and the Rangiora Club collapsed and was withdrawn from the C.R.U. competition.

What appears to be the first visit of an English team took place and a Maori team toured Great Britain. It was reported that this team may not have been up to standard, so four whites were included.

1889

Hamner and Selwyn Clubs formed. With the collapse of Rangiora and Southbridge Clubs no great activity was noted in country districts.

1890

View Hill, Springston and Greenpark Clubs were reported as being formed and a Canterbury Rugby Referees Association was in the process of being formed.

1891

Referees were now in sole control of games, previously an umpire from each team had officiated in conjunction with a referee. One can well imagine the chaos that would be created if this rule was

still in force, in comparison the situation in Northern Ireland would be a mere tea party. The Leeston Club travelled by train to play Winchester but no result is recorded.

1892

The New Zealand Rugby Football Union was formed but the Canterbury, Otago and Southland Unions refused to become affilliated to the N.Z. Union.

Lancaster Park became the home of the C.R.U. Rugby in Leeston, Rangiora, Kaiapoi and Southbridge appeared once again in the lists of active clubs.

1893

The familiar All Black colours were adopted by the N.Z. Union as the National Uniform. A N.Z. team toured Australia, but no Otago Canterbury or Southland players were included due to the existing difference.

Kaiapoi won the senior and junior competition and Rangiora took the Presidents Cup in the C.R.F.U.

Irwell was a strong club with J. McMillan, G. Rhodes and J. Heslop as the stalwarts. The names of McMillan and Heslop figured almost continously in this club for the next seventy years.

1894

The C.R.F.U. became affiliated to the N.Z. Union. The New Zealand team played New South Wales at Lancaster Park, this was the first International match to be played in Canterbury. W. Balch of the Kaiapoi Club was a member of the N.Z. team. This year saw players wearing numbers on jerseys for the first time and programmes were sold to the public.

The Kaiapoi Club's colours were changed to navy blue and orange sash and the Canterbury Referees Association was officially formed.

1895

A number of country clubs appeared as affiliated to the C.R.U. They included Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Leeston, Southbridge, Dunsandel, Rakaia, Kaikoura, Little Akaloa, Irwell, Amberley, O'kains Bay, Hororata, Akaroa and Oxford. At this time country rugby was regarded as very strong.

1896

Kaiapoi won the President's Cup in the C.R.U., while the Peninsula Rugby Association was formed. The Peninsula Cup was donated by the C.R.U. for competition between teams.

1897

On April 12, a North Canterbury Association was formed to organise football with Rangiora, Oxford, Tuhiwi, Swannanoa, Kowhai and Rangiora clubs as members. Amberley delegates attended the first meeting but did not compete.

The reason given for the formation of the North Canterbury Association was that the C.R.F.U. limited their competition to clubs within a radius of twelve miles. This was regarded as a disastrous move and it had a detrimental effect on Canterbury rugby.

Ellesmere and North Canterbury both played representative matches against Canterbury. Ellesmere lost 8-0.

The first North v South Island match was played and North won 16-3, later a New Zealand team toured Australia.

1898

Kaiapoi was runner-up in the C.R.U. competition, while H. Fincham of Leeston was selected for Canterbury, thus gaining the honour of being the first Ellesmere player to represent the Province.

1899

Sheffield, Springfield, Waiwera, Le Bons Bay, and Lincoln College Clubs appeared as affiliated to the C.R.U.

1900

A match between Ellesmere and South Canterbury was played at Leeston which the visitors won. Later in the season Canterbury B played Ellesmere, this time Ellesmere won 11-6. The victorous team was: Moreland, Ballagh, Herron, Fincham, Boag, Rennie, Hantz, Dunlop, Fay, Lambie, Horne, McPherson, Niven, Currah and Webster.

A complaint to the C.R.F.U. by Mr Spring of the Leeston hotel, pertaining to the conduct of the Canterbury players was dismissed by the authorities.

Peninsula rugby was progressing and Akaroa had won the local competition, in Ellesmere, Dunsandel was successful.

1901

Ellesmere played a Greymouth team at Leeston which resulted in an 11 all draw. Fincham scored two tries for Ellesmere.

Ashburton played Albion on a Friday and won 6-0 while Canterbury played Ellesmere at Lancaster Park and won 13-3.

A N.S.W. team toured New Zealand and a report in the Canterbury Times of September 1, 1901 states, "The disaster that overtook the Australians in Maoriland was expected as the N.S.W. selectors aimed at making the tour a social success.

"The Maoriland forwards whose weighty bullocks smashed up the lamb like Australian gentlemen who were selected because they could speak the correct grammar."

Leeston Club officers included Mr W. Spring as president. As this gentleman was disqualified, the C.R.U. asked the club to amend its list of officers.

A comment in the Canterbury Times paid a tribute to the formation of Country Associations. It said that the Ellesmere Association was formed for the best motives in the world, i.e. to arrange football matches. It was declared that the downfall of Ellesmere rugby was that Leeston was too strong and attracted the best players from other clubs, only the Southbridge club could oppose Leeston.

1902 and 1903

Activities were practically at a standstill in Country rugby due to the C.R.U. ruling of the twelve mile restrictions. A Town v Country game was played at Rangiora with the Country players drawn from the Amuri and Ashley Counties. Country won 15-6.

This recession proved to be of a most temporary nature as the New Zealand Union had accepted an invitation to tour the U.K. in 1905. The Sub-Unions of Ellesmere and North Canterbury were also about to be formed.

Melrose (Southbrook) and Woodside Clubs played in Rangiora.

1904

A meeting of Ashburton country rugby enthusiasts was held to discuss a suggestion that the area join with South Canterbury but the matter was deferred.

Sivrights team of Englishmen toured Australia and New Zealand. This team included two New Zealanders, Dr A. B. O'Brien of Christchurch, and Dr P. F. McEvedy of Southbridge, who later became President of the N.Z. Rugby Union in 1933. The captain of the team, D. R. Bedell-Sivright was killed in World War I.

The first Ranfurly Shield challenge was played at Auckland, Wellington winning from the holders Auckland. During the year R. G. Deans was included in a combined team which played the Englishmen on Lancaster Park before a record crowd of 15,000. The English team won 5-3.

1905

This was a memorable year for rugby in Canterbury Country, as it marked the formation of the North Canterbury Rugby Sub-Union and its affiliation to the C.R.U. The Sub-Union was formed in Rangiora on March 18,

The original clubs were: Rangiora, Cust, Southbrook, Woodend, Tuhiwi, Amberley and Oxford (east Oxford). Sefton and Waikari-Hawarden were added later during the season.

CUST FOOTBALL CLUB SENIORS, 1934

Winners of North Canterbury Rugby Sub-Union's Senior Competition Banner, Knock-out Cup and Cameron Shield.
Matches Played 15, Won 14, Lost 1. Points For 216, Against 31.

Back Row: P. O'Loughlin, J. M. Forbes, T. O'Loughlin, J. O'Neill.
Third Row: J. Pickering (coach), G. Crossen, C. Tomlinson, L. G. Grant, A. Torrence, J. Gillon, A. Watkins.
Second Row: P. Rowe (president), F. O'Neill, J. Jack, R. Catherwood (captain), B. Catherwood, A. Brunt, G. Young (club captain).
Front Row: C. Graham, E. McLauchlan, L. Catherwood, A. Keep.

The following delegates were present at the inaugural meeting: Rangiora—H. S. Wilson, B. S. Jordan, E. Trollope; Amberley—I. Mason, W. McDonald; Southbrook—D. Adamson; Tuhiwi—W. Uru, Rev. C. A. Frazer; Cust: J. Forbes, C. Spillard; Oxford—J. Powell, O. Pachnatz.

Officers elected were: President—Rev. C. A. Fraer; vice-presidents—F. A. McBean, C. B. Mason, F. E. Green, Chas Morton, and Presidents of Cust and Southbrook Clubs; secretary—B. S. Jordan; selection committee—W. Uru, C. A. Cuff, H. C. Wilson, R. G. Parkin, and Geo. Glover.

The success of the All Blacks in the U.K. was acclaimed here and a marked increase in interest was obvious, the only match N.Z. lost was against Wales by 3-0, and is still talked about. An account of the match by a London correspondent states: "The most brilliant piece of work was the single handed run by Wallace in the second half. Wallace beat several defenders and passed quickly to Deans who placed the ball six inches over the line, 'so he declares', he was bundled quickly back and the ball kicked away."

1906

On April 27, delegates from Lincoln, Leeston, Southbridge, Irwell, Milltown, Dunsandel and Lincoln College assembled in Leeston for the purpose of forming a rugby sub-union which was agreed upon. Present were Mr Restell (Lincoln), R. Coe (Irwell, M. Herron (Leeston), Mr McMillan (Milltown), W. D. Brown (Dunsandel), Dr Withers (Southbridge) and Dr Hilgendorf (Lincoln College). Dr Withers was elected president and Dr Hilgendorf was elected secretary-treasurer.

The Ashburton Sub-Union was also formed this year, but the minutes of the first meeting are lost or misplaced. The Rev. Whitehouse was the first chairman, but a record shows that Mr W. G. Roberts chaired a meeting held on June 18, 1906.

The first committee was: Rev. W. Whitehouse, Messrs W. G. Roberts, Crowther, Choat, Barkery, Fooks, Hodgkins, Carrels, Robilliard, Turtill and Orr with Mr Prichard as secretary.

Clubs affiliated were Springburn, Southern Cross, Old Boys, Methven, Hakatere, High School and Rakaia. Competition matches were to be played on Thursdays and representative matches were arranged with South Canterbury, North Canterbury and Ellesmere.

A meeting was arranged between the Canterbury Rugby Union and Sub-Union representatives to discuss relationships between the two organisations. Peninsula, North Canterbury, Ellesmere and Ashburton all agreed to play their teams on Lancaster Park.

A letter was sent to the North Canterbury Sub-Union from the Oxford Club, requesting that the return match with Tuhiwi be played on a neutral ground, as the Maoris had declared that they would give Oxford a rough time at the Pa. The sub-Union ruled that the match must be played at Tuhiwi in accordance with the draw.

The Kaiapoi Club came under fire from the C.R.U. and was fined and the committee disqualified for a 'ringing-in' case.

A Greymouth team played Ellesmere. Ellesmere lost 5-3.

A report appearing in a Canterbury newspaper stated that Country players were of much better physique than the town players. They were said to have more stamina, tackle surely and stop rushes better, but it was said that the Country backs adopted tactics that could be termed as ludicrous. There are times at this stage of our more sophisticated coaching methods, we today could be in agreement with the points of this report.

1907

A letter was sent from the Ashburton Sub-Union to the C.R.U. requesting that a team be selected from all Sub-Union's and play a Town team. This was agreed too and was officially the commencement of an almost unbroken annual fixture. The Ashburton Sub-Union also asked that the Ellesmere Sub-Union make a guarantee of £3 towards teams expenses for the annual representative fixture at Leeston.

In dealing with a referees report on a match, the Ashburton Sub-Union learned that players had been most abusive to this particular referee during the course of the game. The remarks of the offending players to the referee were—'You are not fit to control a bull fight.' 'You should be refereeing a dog fight.' 'You are the most crookest ref I have ever played under.'

Two of the three players were suspended until the end of the 1908 season and the other to the end of the 1909 season. An appeal by W. Page, that the suspension was unjust, was upheld due to his find character record.

1907 officers of Ashburton Sub-Union were—Patron: Rev. Whitehouse; president: W. G. Roberts; secretary; Mr Prichard.

The North Canterbury senior representative team went on a short tour playing Ellesmere, Ashburton and South Canterbury.

1908

This year saw the official formation of two further Sub-Unions. The Malvern Sub-Union was formed with Springfield, Black Diamonds, Kirwee, West Melton. Later Hororata, Sheffield, Darfield joined and during World War I, a Weedons air force team also played. This team was selected from personnel stationed at the Weedons Administration Centre.

A team playing under the name of United was comprised of inmates of the Paparua Prison. This must not be confused with the United Club in Ellesmere now known as Springston.

Mr D. McMillan was elected President of the Malvern Sub-Union.

The Peninsula Sub-Union was also formed this year. A meeting was held in the county council chambers in Duvauchelle. Club and delegates present were—Akaroa: A. Gray, C. Goodwin; O'kains: W. Thomas, A. Coffin; United Boys: T. Wilkins, A. Williams; Wairewa: E. Shadbolt, J. Flynn; Little Akaloa: V. Craw, C. Waghorn.

Mr A. Gray was elected chairman and the representative colours were scarlet jerseys and white knickerbockers and Duvauchelle was fixed as headquarters.

Te Kotahitanga and Star Clubs were accepted on April 27.

R. G. Deans, one of the stars of the 1905 tour of the U.K. by the All Blacks, died suddenly. His death was a tremendous loss not only to rugby but to the Country generally, as he was described as a great player and a gentleman. He played for the Black Diamonds Club and High School Old Boys Club.

In the North Canterbury Sub-Union competitions, Rangiora beat Tuhiwi 14-0. Only one spell was played as the Maoris called it a day at half-time.

A Country day at Lancaster Park was reported as being a great success. North Canterbury, Ellesmere and Ashburton played Town teams with Town winning all matches.

An Anglo-Welsh team toured New Zealand. The vice-captain was Dr McEvedy, who had toured with Sivrights team previously.

A Doyleston Club was formed in Ellesmere and Ashburton, Winchmore Rovers and Westerfield Clubs appeared in the Ashburton Sub-Union news.

On May 25, Canterbury beat Ashburton Sub-Union 65-0. Notice was served on all players holding representative jerseys to return them or be suspended.

1909

Ellesmere asked the C.R.U. for ruling on a decision of a referee controlling matches between Southbridge and Lincoln. It appeared that with Lincoln leading 5-3, a Southbridge player crossed the line and the referee awarded the try. He then changed his mind as the player had touched the corner flag, but later said that he could not change his mind, so the try stood. Lincoln appealed and the appeal was allowed.

Ellesmere travelled to the West Coast, where they were beaten by Buller 13-6 and also lost to West Coast 16-3.

After town had beaten country 42-5, the President of the C.R.U. praised the country officials for their efforts in organising rugby.

An Ashburton referee complained to the Sub-Union, regarding the behaviour of supporters at club grounds. It was decided that names of offenders would be taken in future. Ashburton representative players were asked to pay their own expenses for the visit to Ellesmere.

The Longbeach Club was affiliated to the Ashburton Sub-Union.

LINCOLN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, 1938

Winners Jock O'Grady and McClelland Cups
Matches played 16, Won 13, Lost 3. Points for 168, Against 77.

Back Row: A. Mitchell, R. Thompson, T. Guildford, K. Thompson, W. Jordan, J. Bennett.
Middle Row: B. Moran (president), A. Davis, B. Hubbard, H. Keast, O. Watkins, E. Watkins (coach).
Front Row: E. Matthews, R. Wallburton, M. Millar, C. Watkins (captain), W. Templeton (v-cap.), V. Russell, K. Woods.
Inset: G. Manson.

1910

At the annual meeting of the North Canterbury Sub-Union, teams were given permission to play in the C.R.U. Thursday competitions.

H. V. Murray of Ellesmere was included in the South Island team which defeated the North Island.

The first step towards forming a Country organisation was made when delegates from all affiliated Sub-Unions met in Christchurch on June 5. It was resolved that one delegate from each Sub-Union plus the Canterbury selector select the Country team. The Secretary of Ellesmere, Dr F. W. Hilgendorf, was appointed manager.

Ellesmere representative teams appeared in the news. Colours changed to red and white hoops, the previous colours being light blue.

Ralph Coe a star player from Ellesmere appeared playing for Peninsula.

A senior match between Southern Cross and Methven, which started at 4.35 p.m. was stopped due to darkness and the match was declared a no contest. A match between Ashburton and Rakaia was called off because no suitable ball could be found.

A seven-a-side team of the Fitzgerald Bros applied for permission to play in the Ashburton Sub-Union's annual tournament. They were granted permission and won the senior grade. No record of a similar feat has been recorded since.

1911

The control of Lancaster Park was in the balance. The Cricket Association had taken the park over but found much difficulty in financing it and meetings were held with the C.R.U. and finally it was agreed that the two bodies should have joint control.

H. V. Murray again represented the South Island.

1912

The Amberley Club was officially formed this year but the North Canterbury Sub-Union advised the Canterbury Rugby Union that the number of teams had fallen to a level that a competition could no longer be conducted. A meeting held attended by Amberley, Tuhiwi and Rangiora Clubs agreed that it was impossible to carry on without Kaiapoi joining the Sub-Union. Kaiapoi rejected the suggestion.

Hinds and Lismore Clubs were accepted by Ashburton Sub-Union. The seven-a-side tournament in Ashburton was postponed for one week due to clashing with the races and later the Ashburton Sub-Union disbanded due to lack of interest and finance.

1913

H. V. Murray was selected for the All Blacks to play against Australia and for a tour of California.

Much interest in rugby was being shown in Hurunui, although no sub-union was formed.

In Ashburton a special meeting of rugby supporters was called where the state of football in the district was fully discussed and it was resolved that if a union was reformed, it should be placed on sound financial basis with increased club affiliation fees being levied.

At a subsequent meeting a sub-union was officially formed, the management consisted of a president, vice-president and delegates from each club. Mr F. Robilliard was elected president.

A letter sent to the C.R.U. requesting financial assistance was rejected, but the C.R.U. agreed to send two senior teams to Ashburton to play benefit matches. Fifty annuals were given to be sold, the proceeds to be regarded as a donation. Subsequently an additional donation of £10 was received from the Canterbury Rugby Union.

Club competitions were soon under way. A player was disqualified for two seasons for writing a defamatory letter to the Ashburton Sub-Union, because his application for regrading was disallowed.

The following report on a Malvern representative team's visit to Akaroa to play Peninsula, is indictive of the handicap endured by travelling teams early in the century.

Under the management of Mr David McMillan, the team travelled by morning train to Rolleston Junction, there they were met by a motor lorry.

The lorry and driver were not familiar with the hills and although the team did not have to provide any physical assistance, they were compelled to get off and walk and add moral support. Lunch was taken at the Hill Top Hotel and then down to Akaroa, which was reached by 3.45. The team played immediately with Peninsula winning 8-4.

The usual dinner, followed by a smoke concert was held, then a mid-night cruise to the Heads.

The team left for home on Monday morning, with the usual struggle to the Hill Top but the report adds that it went very well down hill.

The Malvern team was: W. Milliken, C. C. Gray, A. Deans, G. Burgers, D. Deans, T. McGovern, P. Fellows, W. G. Henderson, E. Page, J. Green, J. Doody, K. D. Henderson, J. McLaughlin, C. A. Gray, and T. Jarman.

1914

The Hurunui Sub-Union was officially formed at a meeting in Waiau on April 25. Delegates present were—Cheviot: G. Ormandy, T. Wilkinson; Kaikoura: J. McLeod, D. H. Stone; Waiau: C. Johnston, J. O'Donnell; Mr Lee, President of the Waiau Club was in the chair.

The meeting decided to form a sub-union, bounded by the Clarence River in the north and the Hurunui River in the south.

Officers elected were—Patron: Mr D. Rutherford; president: Mr E. A. Maude; vice-presidents: G. W. Forbes M.P., R. Johnston, J. Lee, A. L. Marshall, E. H. Workman, Mr Laugesen, Geo. Humphreys; secretary: J. O'Donnell; sole selection: Mr E. A. Maude; delegate to C.R.U.: F. D. Kesteren.

Colours decided on were a black jersey, white collar with white rams head on breast.

Many sub-union representative packs have been battered by the powerful forwards that Hurunui has produced and to those of us priveleged to be opposed to them on the playing arena, a firm belief is held that the rams head was much higher than the breast.

With the outbreak of World War I on August 4, 1914, sub-union activities grinded to an abrupt halt.

One point of general interest following the tour of California by the All Blacks, was that the California University decided to abandon rugby as it was too rough.

Recently the game has been revived through the efforts of Mr Pat Vincent, a well known Canterbury captain and half-back of the fifties. Pat also captained the All Blacks in two tests against the 1956 Springbok. He visited New Zealand in 1971 as coach of the American Grizzlies (no way connected with one of our most famous country players).

1915

With World War I reaching its peak in the Middle East and France, rugby was in complete recess and no further reports are available until 1919, when we saw a reorganisation of the Sub-Unions.

1920

With the visit to the Colony by the Prince of Wales, the Ashburton Sub-Union arranged a Town v Country match within the Sub-Union as part of the local celebrations, but this idea was rejected by the Borough Council.

An interesting incident recorded, was where the Mayfield Club wired that it was defaulting to Methven. Simultaneously the Methven Club advised that they were defaulting to Mayfield.

The Prebbleton Club was affiliated to the Ellesmere Sub-Union.

1921

With the visit to New Zealand by the Springbok, increased enthusiasm was noted. K. D. Henderson and C. R. Murray were selected for Canterbury to play against the visitors. Murray was appointed captain of Canterbury and led his team to a 6-4 victory. The Canterbury team was: C. E. Evans, W. A. Ford, J. McCormack, G. R. Wilson, C. Deans, R. Evans, H. Mullans, N. Carnegie, C. H. Ellis, H. G. Munroe, K. W. Henderson, C. R. Murray, L. Peterson, E. Cummings, W. Cummings.

An Oxford team set out to travel to Kaikoura to play a friendly match and after a delay of one hour, a nine man team left Oxford at 10 a.m.

At Cust the local headmaster was almost talked into closing the school and going with the team, however, a sense of loyalty to his profession prevailed. George Scrimshaw, who later became an All Black joined the team at Cust.

In Rangiora, two further recruits were admitted to the party and the long trip commenced. On arriving at Kaikoura at mid-night, the team went straight to a dance arranged in their honour. The return journey on Sunday was equally as slow.

The Celtic Club affiliated to Ashburton Sub-Union and Waihora Club to the Ellesmere Sub-Union.

The New Zealand Union sent a letter of thanks to Ashburton Sub-Union for providing afternoon tea to the Springbok en route to Dunedin.

1922

Competition was very keen in Ellesmere senior competition. Irwell, Leeston and Lincoln provided some thrilling encounters.

Pirates and Allenton Clubs were admitted to Ashburton Sub-Union while Messrs F. Robilliard and Mr Frelander were honoured for outstanding service to the sub-union.

Negotiations regarding the purchase of suitable playing grounds was left to the President of the Ashburton Sub-Union, Mr Walters. He reported that the most suitable site inspected was that of Mr McDonnell's, being 18 acres at a cost of £85 per acre. Arrangements regarding the use of the A. and P. showgrounds were also considered.

School competition matches were arranged by Ellesmere Sub-Union and these were played on Fridays.

1923

In this year, Mr Pat Delargy, owner of the Southbridge Hotel, donated a shield for competition between all sub-unions affiliated to the Canterbury Rugby Union.

This was called the Delargy Shield but the title was changed to Southbridge in the mid thirties. The shield is now accepted as the

symbol of supremacy in Country rugby. Ellesmere were declared the first holders of the trophy but Ashburton won in its first challenge by 14-11.

The Chairman of Ashburton outlined terms for the use of the Ashburton showgrounds, the fee of £25 asked by the A. and P. Association was accepted.

M. L. Page (Malvern) and B. V. McCleary (Hurunui) were selected to play for the South Island.

An item of interest and one that was often queried is pertaining to the dispute between the Marist Club and the C.R.U.

As winners of the C.R.U. senior championship, Marist were entitled to play the winners of the Otago Union's competition, but as many Marist players were unavailable, they requested that new players be added, this was disallowed by the Union and an exchange of correspondence followed. Marist refused to play and Merivale, the runners-up were invited to play the Otago team for the Payne trophy.

Subsequently the Marist Club was suspended from the Union and the whole club played Rugby League. In the thirties the club resumed under the name of Athletic, but the name of Marist was reinstated several years later.

1924

Of the six Canterbury players chosen for the All Blacks to tour the United Kingdom, four were closely connected with sub-union club teams.

W. C. Dalley played for the Leeston Club two years previously, A. C. C. Robilliard was originally from Ashburton, B. V. McCleary was from the Culverden Club in Hurunui and J. H. Parker later became identified with the Loburn Club in North Canterbury.

Hurunui won the Southbridge Shield from Ashburton 13-12.

At a meeting of the Ellesmere Sub-Union, G. Leahy was asked to explain why he was playing for the Christchurch Club and not for Ellesmere. Leahy was a prominent figure in the Ellesmere district, being a stock agent with the N.Z. Farmers' Co-op. He had represented Canterbury several times. His explanation was accepted.

1925

A Junior Advisory Board was set up by the Canterbury Rugby Union and this was reported as a great success in dealing with boys rugby. School football had made tremendous growth in the previous two years. The sub-unions followed the example later and has been equally successful here.

A Country team played New South Wales.

An effort was made by the Hurunui Sub-Union to fix boundaries between Hamner, Waiau and Culverden, but its success or otherwise is not recorded.

WAIHORA RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Winners Ellesmere Rugby Sub-Union's Senior Competition — 1928

Back Row: H. S. Turner, T. H. Rainey, G. W. Thompson, R. G. Manson, H. C. Anderson.
Middle Row: J. G. Macartney, J. E. Loader, T. M. Wheeler, J. F. Coop, H. W. Kimber, F. Chapman.
Front Row: Mr J. Rennie (patron), A. S. Hodgen, J. R. Taylor, R. G. Anderson, N. R. Withell, E. E. Joblin, Mr F. Coop (president).

The Waikari-United Club which had been playing in the North Canterbury competition became affiliated to Hurunui. This club was regarded as one of the strongest to be found anywhere in Country.

The first Canterbury representative from United was the late C. R. Murray, he was captain of the victorious Canterbury team against the 1921 Springbok. The late C. L. Saundercock represented Canterbury in 1938. He later lost his life whilst serving overseas with the armed forces in the 1935-45 war.

John Francis played 40 games for Canterbury from 1961-68 and Keith Fincham also played seven games for Canterbury as a hooker.

The Waikari Club has also provided three Presidents of Country Rugby Sub-Unions. Mr H. Saundercock, Mr C. McKeegan and Mr F. J. Shadbolt.

1926

The Hamstead Club was affiliated to the Ashburton Sub-Union this year.

The Marlborough Union advised that their delegate would propose that Ashburton have direct affiliation to the New Zealand Rugby Union. Canterbury, West Coast, Waikato and Auckland all agreed to support the move.

Tom Robinson from the Peninsula Sub-Union was chosen as a wing three-quarter to tour the United Kingdom with the Maori All Blacks. Tom played most of his tour games as a flank forward and was described as one of the 'finds'. He maintained a life long interest in Country rugby and his death in 1967 was a great loss.

Peninsula won the Southbridge Shield from Ellesmere 16-5. The Peninsula team was: J. Tini, C. Shuttleworth, L. Craw, H. Craw, R. Mason, L. Harrington, C. Hartley, G. Robinson, T. Craw, F. Mason, J. T. Robinson, N. Waghorn, J. Haines, B. Waghorn and C. Waghorn.

The Glenmark Club was affiliated to the North Canterbury Sub-Union. This club has since progressed to be one of great strength and has made a significant contribution to Country rugby.

1927

On May 16, 1927, the New Zealand Union advised the Ashburton Sub-Union that affiliation had been accepted, thus its status as a sub-union had now terminated. The final meeting of the Ashburton Sub-Union was attended by the following: A. Lane, (acting chairman) T. Doherty, J. Henderson, R. Lay, F. Prichard, G. Laudon, A. Thompson, A. Smith, S. Christie, J. McLachlan, M. Segars, D. Heenan and M. Timmings.

The absence of Ashburton had an effect on the standard of Country rugby for a short time, but to fully utilise fifty years of hind sight it is generally accepted that the Mid-Canterbury Union players

would have benefited to a greater extent had their Sub-Union affiliation been retained.

The Rolleston Club became affiliated to the Ellesmere Sub-Union, this club did not flourish and only appeared spasmodically in the Ellesmere competitions. Ellesmere changed their representative colours to white jerseys.

Canterbury won the Ranfurly Shield for the first time, included in the team was Jim Pickering from Country.

1928

An all out effort to stimulate rugby in schools was being made by the Hurunui Sub-Union and much success was achieved.

Mr I. Hampton donated a shield for competition by schools in the sub-union area.

With the first visit to South Africa by an All Black team, much interest was created and with improved 'Press' coverage and the advent of radio, this tour was followed with great enthusiasm.

1929

A team from New South Wales toured New Zealand and two country players won a place in the test fifteen, they were Toby Robinson from Peninsula, a side row forward and M. L. "Curly" Page, a half-back from Malvern. Page also represented New Zealand at cricket for a number of years and he joins a select few who claim a similar distinction. There are five in all, the others being George Dickinson, a mid-field back from Otago, Charlie Oliver, a centre three-quarter from Canterbury, Eric Tindall, half-back or first five-eighths, from Wellington and the late Bill Carson, a side-row forward from Auckland. Carson died of injuries received in a jeep accident in Northern Italy near the end of World War II.

Country defeated Town in the annual fixture by 22-18.

Plans were finalised for a tour of the Seddon Shield districts the following year and each sub-union was asked to make a financial contribution.

In the test team that played New South Wales, the full back was George Mehrtens, who had played for Rangiora before joining the High School Old Boy's Club in the Canterbury Rugby Union.

1930

Our 2-3-2 scrum formation came under fire during the tour of the British Isles team captained by F. D. Prentice and managed by James Baxter. Baxter described our wing forward as a deliberate cheat, and deplored our policy of the teams leaving the field at half-time.

Within the next three years, the 3-4-1 scrum formation was adopted and the 2-3-2 is now history. The question which now remains unanswered: Was Cliff Porter a great forward or a great back?

SPRINGFIELD FOOTBALL TEAM 1930

Back Row: Mr J. Taylor (selector), R. Innes, A. Milliken, E. Crampton, J. Milliken, J. Kelly, W. Gibson, R. Milliken (patron).

Front Row: T. Paterson (referee), J. Doody, E. Taylor, J. Taylor, L. Newnham (captain), D. Smith, T. Abrahams (secretary), P. Johnson (president).

Sitting: J. Searle, J. Collie.

Absent: E. Lohrey, L. Peachy, R. Graham, T. Williams, L. Searle, P. Vaughan.

This change had a marked effect on the game, especially in country areas where liasion between Town and Country coaches was not as effective as it is today. I feel it is just comment to claim that we did not regain the art of forward play until after the recession period of World War II.

The Lincoln Club was re-affiliated to Ellesmere. This club immediately became a strong force with names like the four Watkins Bros, Jordan Bros, Len Payne and Bennett brothers.

1931

The effect of the great depression was now being inflicted on country rugby. Travelling in Hurunui was restricted and time off

work for sport was not tolerated by employers. Some relief, however, did come to areas where public works camps were situated.

Mr G. A. H. Atkinson was appointed Secretary of the Ellesmere Sub-Union.

1932

Hororata and Glentunnel Clubs combined and the name of Glenata was employed.

The scrum formation once again came under fire at the C.R.U. committee level, and after much discussion with the views of some of our most experienced players being aired (the former All Blacks I refer to were A. I. Cottrell, Read Masters and Bill Dalley) it was resolved that the three fronted scrum be adopted.

Mr J. K. Maloney stated that we had sold our birth-right.

A letter sent by the Peninsula Sub-Union, to the Canterbury Union, read as follows: "That we strongly protest against the lack of consideration given to country players for inclusion in the Canterbury representative teams, and that unless some improvement in the method of selection is made next season, this sub-union will be forced to take drastic action to uphold the dignity of country football. The opinion freely expressed in the district is that the Canterbury representative team's name should be altered to Christchurch."

Unfortunately this problem did retard the progress of relationship between town and country and in most cases conjecture was the ruling factor.

Selectors of some grades have appeared to be reluctant to travel into country areas and have been criticised openly, but the present day selectors are conscious of the contribution made to Canterbury by Country over the last 20 years as considerable, when we consider names like Wyllie, Cornelius, Dalzell, Francis, Le Leivre, Cron, Kirkpatrick, Hopkinson, Bruce, McDonald, Fincham, Whineray, Perkins, Buxton, Hotop of the A representative side and in Canterbury B, Wally Scott and John Sheehan were consistently included.

1933

H. Milliken of Malvern, was selected for Canterbury. Milliken later joined the Sunnyside Club in Christchurch and was a reserve for the All Blacks in the test series against the Springbok of 1937. He toured Australia with the All Blacks in 1938 and later changed to League. He was with the New Zealand League team in the United Kingdom when War was declared in 1939.

The Scargill Club was affiliated to the Hurunui Sub-Union.

1934

Little activity was recorded this year. Delegates from Country met the Canterbury Union and a decision to form a Sub-Union's Federation was made.

Mr R. T. McMillan retired from administration, he had been a leading light in Ellesmere since 1912.

1935

This was a notable year for Country rugby as a combined Sub-Unions committee was formed. The inaugural meeting was held in the C.R.U. rooms on July 10. Those present were: V. Craw, Peninsula; D. Ryan and F. J. Miller, Ellesmere; W. Candy and G. M. Sheldon, North Canterbury; H. Rogers and H. Saundercock, Hurunui; Rev. Theo Patterson, Malvern. Mr Saundercock was elected president and Mr C. H. Perkins secretary.

The Glentunnel Club was re-affiliated with the Malvern Sub-Union.

1936

At the annual meeting of the Sub-Unions, Mr H. Saundercock was re-elected president. He was also elected to the C.R.U. committee.

1937

The Canterbury Rugby Union advised that it was impossible to play the Town v Country fixture on a Saturday this year. This was accepted by the Country executive, but the danger of creating a precedent was noted. Mr Les Ebert of Southbridge was appointed referee for the match.

The tour of the Springbok to New Zealand created much interest. The two countries had opposed each other in 1921 and in 1928 and by curious coincidence, the world rugby supremacy had been left in deadlock. This team was captained by a great forward in Philip Nel with the legendary Danie Craven as his Lieutenant and included some of the greatest players that ever graced our rugby fields.

Canterbury too had more to preserve than any other Province as they had defeated the 1921 Springbok. However, the visitors great reputation and undoubted ability was displayed. The All Blacks won the first test through the kicking ability of Otago's Dave Trevathan. In the second test at Christchurch, Jack Sullivan, playing centre for New Zealand scored two tries in the first half to give the All Blacks a 6-0 lead at half-time,but South Africa came out comfortable winners. The third and final test was easy for the visitors. Jack Sullivan is the present chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Council.

The match against Canterbury was exciting, but the visitors were superior winning by 23-8. The late Frank Foley played in the No. 8 jersey for Canterbury.

Applications for affiliation to the Hurunui Sub-Union were made on behalf of the Hawkswood P.W.D. Club and the Lewis Pass P.W.D. Club. These were granted on condition that their names would not be added to the Rutherford Banner if they won the senior competition.

The Northern v Southern Sub-Unions match was played at Akaroa. An indication of the signs of the economy at that stage is illustrated by the fact the price of an after match dinner supplied by the Bruce Hotel was 2/6 per head. These matches have since been abolished. It was first played as a trial for the Country selectors, prior to the Town v Country fixture. The northern sub-unions consisted of Malvern, North Canterbury and Hurunui and southern of Ellesmere and Peninsula.

1938

A dispute over boundaries between Hurunui and North Canterbury arose but was settled by agreement. More recently the matter has arisen due to the declining numbers in Hurunui and with the loss of Kaikoura to Marlborough. The Glenmark Club is principally involved but their club has categorically declared that they did not wish to break affiliation with North Canterbury.

Mr V. Craw was elected to the C.R.U. senior selection panel.

1939

Mr Charlie McKeegan of Hurunui was elected President of Country. A decision to allow the Country team to assemble at Tattersalls Hotel on Friday before the Town v Country match was made.

With the outbreak of World War II on September 3, rugby in the country was to receive another serious set-back.

The Rev. Theo. Patterson resigned from the office of president of the Malvern Sub-Union. Mr Patterson had held office for 13 years.

1940

In his annual report, Mr McKeegan, the Country President, said that sub-unions were finding it impossible to keep going due to the splendid response by our young men to the call for the fighting services and to the Country's need for increased production. All sub-union's were advised to abandon for the duration of the war.

As we pause for a moment we remember colleagues who did not return from foreign battlefields, not only from our own sub-unions but many All Blacks who only a few years previously, had given us great pleasure by their deeds on the International scene.

Many will remember the great Canterbury right wing, George Hart, who represented his province from 1930-1936. He played in all four tests against the 1930 British team.

I vividly recall him in the middle of Lancaster Park with packed stands and embankments as a background. In 1944, I visited Cassino Cemetery in Italy and among thousands of white crosses against a background of devastation, one cross bore the name, Captain G. F. Hart, N.Z. Armoured Regiment—Killed in action, April 1944.

LEESTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB SENIORS, 1946

Winners E.R.S.U. Senior Competition and Jock O'Grady Cup. Joint Winners McClelland Cup.

Matches Played 15, Won 14, Lost 1. Points For 174, Against 47.

Back Row: E. K. Millar (coach), J. Johnson, G. Amyes, A. Young, A. Glasson, G. A. H. Atkinson (treasurer), L. Legg, J. Legg, W. Legg, R. Young, T. G. Jones (president).

Front Row: M. M. McMillan, W. Aitken, A. L. Cooke, A. Young, J. Free (captain), G. Bray, D. Sheehan, R. Parkin.

1945

Sub-Union clubs were now preparing to reorganise as it was apparent that the war was nearing the end. Many of the longer serving men had returned and were preparing to assist in the mammoth job of starting again.

Mid-June saw Hitler's Empire collapse, the Japanese were tenaciously holding out, but the employment of two deadly atomic bombs in mid-August put paid to all their toughness.

Peninsula held their meeting to reorganise on June 5 and decided to operate a two round competition with the four clubs which had affiliated. A match against Ellesmere was also played.

Malvern reported that their clubs were finding it difficult to become operative.

North Canterbury decided to play organised football, but no trophies be competed for. Amberley, North Canterbury, Oxford, Glenmark, Kowai, Ohoka and Loburn Clubs were reported as interested in participating, and an affiliation fee of £4/4 per club was levied.

1946

North Canterbury Sub-Union came under management control. The Hamner Club was affiliated to the Hurunui Sub-Union and Country Executive agreed to resume the Southbridge Shield matches.

Country opposed a Canterbury Rugby Union notice of motion, that selectors be appointed by the C.R.U. executive unless the words "that this executive be augmented by one representative from each sub-union."

It was resolved that the sub-unions support three selectors.

1947

The Canterbury Rugby Union bought the present office block at 172 Manchester Street, thus becoming the absolute owners of their own administration facilities.

A Referee's Association formed in Malvern and Glentunnel changed the name of their club to Black Diamonds.

The Country committee agreed to send a team on tour. It was finally agreed to play Golden Bay, Motueka, Buller and West Coast. Mc McKeegan was appointed manager.

1948

Mr W. A. Hadlee was appointed Secretary of the Country Association. He succeeded Mr C. H. Perkins who had held the office since the initial formation in 1935.

The Country Executive resolved that unless the C.R.U. agreed to play the Town v Country match on Saturday, Country would refuse to play.

The Club which has been referred to as Rangiora was officially known as North Canterbury, but it became officially known as Rangiora in 1948.

1949

Mr A. Munroe of Rotheram offered a shield for sub-union junior grade competition. This was accepted.

1950

Wednesday games against Otago Sub-Unions and Golden Bay-Motueka played at Lancaster Park showed a loss of £90. The Executive were understandably most unhappy with this result.

1951

The most important feature of this season was the representative teams tour of the Seddon Shield districts. Country won three of the five matches played.

Evidence of the growing strength of rugby in Country was the result of the Town v Country match which resulted in a 16 points all draw after Town had led by 11 points to nil at half-time. The Country Colts also produced a creditable display against Town Colts, the result being Town 24, Country 22.

Expenses for the Country tour amounted to £156/18/7, this figure would not transport a team much beyond Ashburton today.

Dinners after inter-Sub-Union representative matches were abolished.

1952

Country Colts were successful against Town, winning by 22 points to nil. However, the selection of only one player from the Colts team to the Canterbury Colts side created much displeasure within the Country area.

1953

A southern tour by the senior representative team was decided on. Three matches were arranged against Mid-Canterbury at Ashburton, North Otago at Oamaru and Otago Sub-Unions at Carisbrook. Although this team did not gain a win, all games were very close and a 3 all draw with the strong Otago Sub-Union's team was regarded as most satisfactory.

The Country Colts side again defeated Town, the score being 12-3 and Nelson Dalzell was selected for the All Blacks tour of the U.K.

A meeting of delegates of Hurunui and North Canterbury took place at Mr H. V. Murray's farm. A boundary between the two sub-unions was fixed.

1954

Mr V. Craw, Peninsula, offered a shield to be competed for in the annual Town v Country match, this was accepted by the Country Executive and the proposal was submitted to the C.R.U. for approval.

1955

A letter was received by the Country Sub-Unions from Mr Eric Doak of Chatham Islands requesting affiliation as a sub-union. This was passed on to the Canterbury Rugby Union.

Country Colts again defeated Town, this time by 13 points to 9.

1956

At the annual meeting of the Country Sub-Unions, it was resolved that the president, Mr McKeegan and secretary, Mr W. A. Hadlee, should peruse notes on Country rugby history submitted by Mr Ken Henderson. A report was to be presented to the next meeting on views for making a permanent record of this information.

Mr McKeegan advised the next meeting of his views on the history, it was agreed that this should be written or compiled in a cyclostyled form. No further action was taken for seventeen years.

Mr Charlie McKeegan, the President of the Sub-Union's, died on November 13. Mr McKeegan had been president since 1939, he served as an elected member of the C.R.U. management committee for three years, and had served as senior Country selector for several years. He also managed and coached several Country touring teams.

The Country Colts team drew with Town 3-3.

1957

Mr Frank Foley was elected President of the C.R.S.U.. Mr Foley was also elected to the C.R.U. management committee. He reported that the Chatham Islands had been accepted as a sub-union affiliated to the C.R.U.

A proposal that a Junior Advisory Board be formed was generally welcomed by the sub-unions.

1958

At the annual general meeting, the question of a change of colours was discussed and it was resolved that the Sub-Union's colours be scarlet jerseys, black shorts and scarlet sox with black tops.

County Colts again beat Town, this time by 20 to 16.

1959

The possibility of a tour from the Chatham Islands Sub-Union was discussed. A programme of matches was to be decided on at a later meeting.

Country Colts continued their run of success against Town, this time they scored an exciting 29-26 victory.

Mr P. Ussher reported that the Peninsula Sub-Union was becoming very weak and he suggested that Peninsula Club should join in the Ellesmere competition the next season.

1960

Mr R. D. Catherwood was elected president and the retiring president, Mr F. J. Foley succeeded Mr W. A. Hadlee as secretary. Mr Hadlee had held this office for twelve years and had rendered expert service to Country.

A former N.Z. cricket captain, Mr Hadlee, also represented Canterbury as a rugby three-quarter. He also played hockey for Canterbury. His three sons, Barry, Dale and Richard are present New Zealand Cricket Representatives.

A tour of the Seddon Shield districts by the Country senior team was a great success with all games being won.

A match against the New South Wales Country team touring New Zealand was allocated to Canterbury Country. This game was staged at Lancaster Park. The encounter was hard and close with the result being a 11 points draw.

Mr Colin Rowland of Rangiora presented a trophy to the North Canterbury Rugby Sub-Union, this replaced the senior championship banner.

Colin Rowland was one of the more exciting backs in North Canterbury and Country in the post-war period.

Rangiora were the first winners of this handsome trophy, but for the succeeding nine years, the Glenmark Club's senior teams displayed complete dominance.

1961

A Country Rugby Referee's Association was formed with Mr M. R. Barnett being elected the first president.

It was resolved this year to adopt a country tie of a red material on which was superimposed a white rams head.

Malvern suggested that due to their declining numbers, consideration be given to allow Burnham Military Camp team to play in the Malvern Sub-Union. However, it was ruled that the Burnham Camp was inside the Ellesmere boundary and that only a mutual agreement between the two sub-unions could solve the matter.

The Ellesmere Sub-Union had this year given dispensation to the Lincoln College Club to play in the city competition during the 1962 season.

GLENMARK RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, 1965

Winners North Canterbury Rugby Sub-Union Senior Competition, Cameron Shield and Seven-a-Side Tournament.
Games Played 15, Won 13, Lost 1, Drew 1. Points For 322, Against 66.

Back Row: R. M. Croft, A. J. Wyllie, B. M. Gard'ner, A. W. Brown, A. G. Thorne, F. Loe (president), R. J. Sincock.
Middle Row: S. T. Wyllie, J. E. Chisnall, P. J. Gard'ner, J. D. Brown, S. M. Hope, D. A. Wyllie, W. L. E. Chamberlain, S. E. McLean.
Front Row: R. D. Croft, A. F. Thomson (coach), D. I. Wyllie, A. B. Peter (captain), G. W. Loe (vice-captain), E. V. Murray (coach), P. A. Inkson.

1962

Lincoln College Club was now affiliated to the Canterbury Rugby Union. This move terminated eighty years of association with the Ellesmere Sub-Union and this history would be far from complete without mention being made of the contribution made by this Club to Ellesmere, Country, Canterbury and New Zealand rugby.

Players of the calibre of W. J. Whineray, J. Hotop, K. Tremain, J. Buxton, I. Hurst, J. Mauger, L. Davies, D. Cameron, D. Hayles, R. W. Moffatt all claimed Lincoln College as their club.

In the field of administration their contribution has also been noted. Dr Hilgendorf was a foundation member of the Ellesmere Sub-Union, J. W. Calder and J. D. Mackay were also closely associated with Country administration.

Professor J. D. Stewart was a most successful Canterbury selector and coach following a brilliant playing career. Dr D. S. Hart, who coached the first XV for twenty years, has the distinction of coaching seven players who have achieved All Black honours. Dr Hart was also a Canterbury A selector.

Mr D. A. Campbell attended the annual general meeting as a delegate from the newly formed Country J.A.B.

Mr M. R. Barnett was selected as one of Canterbury's Big Five Referees.

1963

The construction of the Country Rugby Referees was approved by the Executive. A three game tour of the Seddon Shield area was confirmed and Jules Le Leivre was selected to tour the United Kingdom with the All Blacks.

1964

Mr Hume Swaney, who had been a Country senior selector in 1961, died in October.

At a special general meeting it was resolved that the Canterbury Rugby Sub-Union Association affiliate with the Canterbury Rugby Football Union.

1965

Mr F. I. Foley was elected a vice-president of the Canterbury Rugby Union, while Mr C. R. Watson resigned as senior selector of the Country representative team. His contribution to Country rugby was recorded in the books of the Association.

Discussion on the revision of sub-union boundaries took place. In the south, Malvern agreed to merge with Ellesmere, Hurunui and North Canterbury had met but the Glenmark Club said that they

were not prepared to sever its affiliation with North Canterbury. The Kaiapoi Club became affiliated to the North Canterbury Sub-Union.

1966

Advice was received from the C.R.U. that the sub-unions of Ellesmere and Malvern had been officially amalgamated. New boundaries were fixed between Country and Canterbury Rugby Union Christchurch areas.

A meeting was also held between representatives of the Sub-Unions Association, Hurunui, North Canterbury and the Glenmark Club. The attempt to persuade the Glenmark Club to transfer to Hurunui in an attempt to remedy the imbalance of strength, was in vain. Glenmark were adamant that they preferred to remain in the North Canterbury Sub-Union.

At a meeting of the Country executive, R. J. M. Millar stated that he felt that no chairman of the Association should be expected to hold office for more than three years. Other executive members supported the statement.

1967

The final meeting of the Malvern Sub-Union was held on July 17, and the final motion in the minute book reads:

"That the Bank of New Zealand account be closed and all funds be handed over to the Ellesmere Sub-Union."

Messrs P. Reardon, R. Churton, W. Wall and J. G. Gunn signed their names to the resolution.

Mr R. D. Catherwood did not seek re-election as President of the Country Sub-Union and Mr M. R. Barnett was elected.

Final arrangements for the tour of the north was effected. Mr Barnett was appointed manager of the team and Mr J. Hotop coach.

Mr Frank Foley, the Secretary of the Association died after a period of ill health and Mr George Knight was appointed secretary.

Ian Kirkpatrick and Alistair Hopkinson were selected to tour the United Kingdom with the All Blacks.

1968

Mr R. D. Catherwood was made a Life Member of the Association and Mr Barnett, who was re-elected president, was also elected to the Canterbury Rugby Union's committee.

As the conditions laid down by the Rangiora Club for the use of the Rangiora showgrounds for representative fixtures were not acceptable, it was decided that alternative arrangements would be made for 1969.

1969

Kaiapoi Club agreed to Country representative games being played on their grounds at a rate acceptable to the Association.

1970

A tour of the Seddon Shield area was agreed on and Mr F. J. Shadbolt was appointed manager, and Mr I. R. McNally coach.

The Country under 16 team finished equal first in the South Island tournament. G. Clayton of Ellesmere was appointed captain of the South Island under 16 team.

A. E. Hopkinson and A. J. Wyllie were selected to tour South Africa with the All Blacks.

1971

Mr F. J. Shadbolt was elected President of the Country Association. Mr Shadbolt had represented Hurunui as a delegate for the past ten years and was the third member of the Waikari Club to hold this office.

Permanent dispensation was given the Lincoln College Club to participate in the C.R.U. competitions.

Suggested designs for a new Country tie were tabled and it was resolved that the sub-committee submit these to Mr Peter Clark for advice on orders.

The question regarding the history of Country was again raised and a decision was made to request that Dr Blair undertake this work at an early date. At a subsequent meeting of the executive, Dr Blair advised that due to other committments, he was unable to carry out the work of writing the history and it was resolved that R. J. M. Millar undertake this work.

It was decided that a sole selector with power to co-opt select the senior grade.

The proposed new Country Tie was tabled for approval, which was granted.

A. J. Wyllie was selected for the All Blacks.

1972

Mr K. C. Taylor was elected Secretary of the Canterbury Rugby Sub-Union. Mr George Knight resigned the office due to extreme business pressure. He had occupied the position since 1967.

The Kaikoura Club advised the Hurunui Sub-Union that it would be playing in Marlborough in the 1972 season, this act created

much controversy. They were later granted dispensation to play in the Marlborough Union for the 1973 and 74 seasons.

The Chatham Islands Sub-Union was again granted affiliation to the Canterbury Rugby Union.

The Country Executive advised them that their delegate at Sub-Union Association meetings would be welcome.

A. J. Wyllie and H. H. McDonald were selected for the All Blacks to tour the United Kingdom.

An agreement was reached between the Rangiora Club and the Sub-Union Association for the future use of Rangiora Club grounds and facilities.

1973

At the annual general meeting, R. J. M. Millar was elected President of the Country Association. He had been associated with the Country Association since 1958.

It was resolved that the Sub-Union's senior representative team make a tour of the south in June. Three matches were arranged, Southland Sub-Unions at Gore, Otago Sub-Unions at Alexandra and North Otago at Oamaru.

The Chatham Islands Sub-Union advised that they had appointed Mr A. Skinner of Marshlands Road as their delegate on the Executive of the Sub-Union's Association. Hurunui and North Canterbury agreed to combine the first round of their senior competition.

Hugh Taylor of Oxford was selected for the New Zealand under 23 team and Robert Grant and Taylor were members of the New Zealand under 21 side.

As the facilities for players and spectators at Kaiapoi were not satisfactory the Association signed an agreement with the Rangiora Club and the official playing headquarters were moved to the Northern A. and P. Association's grounds at Rangiora.

1974

Doug Bruce toured Australia with the All Blacks. Later in the year Hamish McDonald and Bruce toured Ireland with the most successful All Black team.

Mr S. C. Miller was graded to the Canterbury Big Five Referees.

1975

Mr H. D. Baylis was elected President of the Sub-Union Association. Mr Baylis had been associated with the Country Executive

since 1967 and was also associated with the formation of the J.A.B. in 1961. Mr F. J. Shadbolt was elected a Life Member of the Association.

Mr S. C. Miller was again graded to the Big Five of Canterbury Referees.

A meeting of the Executive received a motion that the Canterbury Rugby Sub-Union's Association supports the attitude of the New Zealand Rugby Union Council towards the 1976 South African Tour by the All Blacks. This was carried unanimously.

Mr Alex McIntosh, a president of the Hurunui Sub-Union and a member of the Canterbury Association died after a short illness.

COUNTRY TEAMS v TOWN

E—Ellesmere; A—Ashburton; H—Hurunui; M—Malvern; P—Peninsula; NC—North Canterbury.

1907: H. V. Murray (E), L. Cordner (A), G. McDonald (NC), P. L. Orr (A), W. Fitzgerald (A), P. Pengelly (E), J. Campbell (E), L. Blunden (NC), H. Davis (E), C. Howell (E), W. Lemon (E), I. Toffing (NC), W. Blackwell (NC), G. McKenzie (A), J. Lenauze (A),

Result: Town 16, Country 9.

1908: W. Burrows (A), J. Gilmour (E), R. C. Mason (P), S. Culverhouse (A), Jas Rennie (E), H. V. Murray (E), J. Gillingham (A), L. Blunden (NC), A. Moore (P), W. Virtue (A), B. S. Jordan (NC), G. Ormond (E), R. Patterson (A), W. Blackwell (NC), C. Howell (E).

Result: Town 45, Country 5.

1909: W. Burrows (A), L. Cordner (A), A. McMeekan (M), L. Brown (E), T. Tainui (NC), H. V. Murray (E), R. C. Mason (P), G. Smythe (A), C. Filtock (A), M. Daily (A), T. Rattray (A), B. S. Jordan (NC), G. Ormond (E), C. Howell (E), A. Currie (E).

Result: Town 12, Country 6.

1910: J. McHugh (M), A. Dyer (P), H. V. Murray (E), J. Chambers (E), J. Howantson (E), T. Tainui (NC), R. Mason (P), I. Chamberlain (E), B. Green (M), J. Burgess (A), J. Chambers (E), C. Howell (E), G. McKenzie (A), H. Ware (P), J. McMillan (E).

Result: Town 42, Country 5.

1911: J. Pitama (NC), R. Pyle (NC), R. Coe (E), B. Martin (E), G. Tainui (NC), M. Moore (P), E. Dansey (A), H. V. Murray (E), T. Carroll (E), E. P. Williams (P), P. Ormond (E), Fitzgerald (A), A. Moore (A), B. S. Jordan (NC), C. McKeegan (A).

Result: Town 9, Country 3.

1920: Karetai (P), C. Barnes (H), P. Birdling (P), J. Crombie (A), J. W. Calder (E), R. C. Mason (H), G. Ferguson (P), H. D. Jones (E), G. Lang (P), J. Newton (P), A. Meikle (H), C. Waghorn (P), F. Huria (NC), J. Meikle (H), L. Palmer (E).

Result: Town 47, Country 6.

1921: H. Dalley (E), K. Matson (NC), Q. Wright (M), L. Tottill (NC), Londrigan (P), C. Deans (M), W. Dalley (E), D. Dennehy (A), J. Bell (A), K. Fisher (H), C. R. Murray (NC), K. D. Henderson (NC), J. Smart (H), Baldwin (A), G. Leaky (A). Totohill was injured and replaced by Le Compt.

Result: Town 22, Country 0.

1922: C. Stills (A), N. Doreen (M), H. Dalley (E), A. Wright (A), M. Z. Page (M), S. Maxwell (A), W. Dalley (E), S. C. Childs (E), J. Bell (M), E. Thomas (A), F. Quigley (NC), K. D. Henderson (NC), R. Waghorn (P), Free (NC), A. Bourke (NC).

Result: Country 15, Town 9.

1923: H. Dalley (E), J. W. Calder (E), J. Horgan (P), C. Barnes (H), W. Dalley (E), D. Hay, C. St. George, S. C. Childs (E), J. Bell (M), K. Foster (H), D. Dennehy (A), L. Chisnall (A), D. Fitzgerald (A), B. Waghorn (P), Collins. Waghorn was injured and replaced by J. Alford.

Result: Town 19, Country 6.

1924: H. Dalley (E), N. Robillard (A), Q. Wright (M), P. Stewart (H), F. Kennedy (A), S. Maxwell (H), M. L. Page (M), B. Deidrich (H), K. Foster (H), Ironsides (M), A. Ryan (NC), L. Chisnal (A), H. Dennehy (A), R. F. Leith (P), R. McMeekan (M).

Result: Country 17, Town 10.

1925: D. Fairbrother (H), C. Barnes (H), S. Maxwell (H), P. Stewart (H), M. L. Page (M), J. Robilliard (A), F. Kennedy (A), D. Dennehy (A), J. Ironsides (M), A. McCormick (A), B. Waghorn (P), A. Meikle (H), N. Waghorn (P), R. McMeekan (M), W. C. Miller (E).

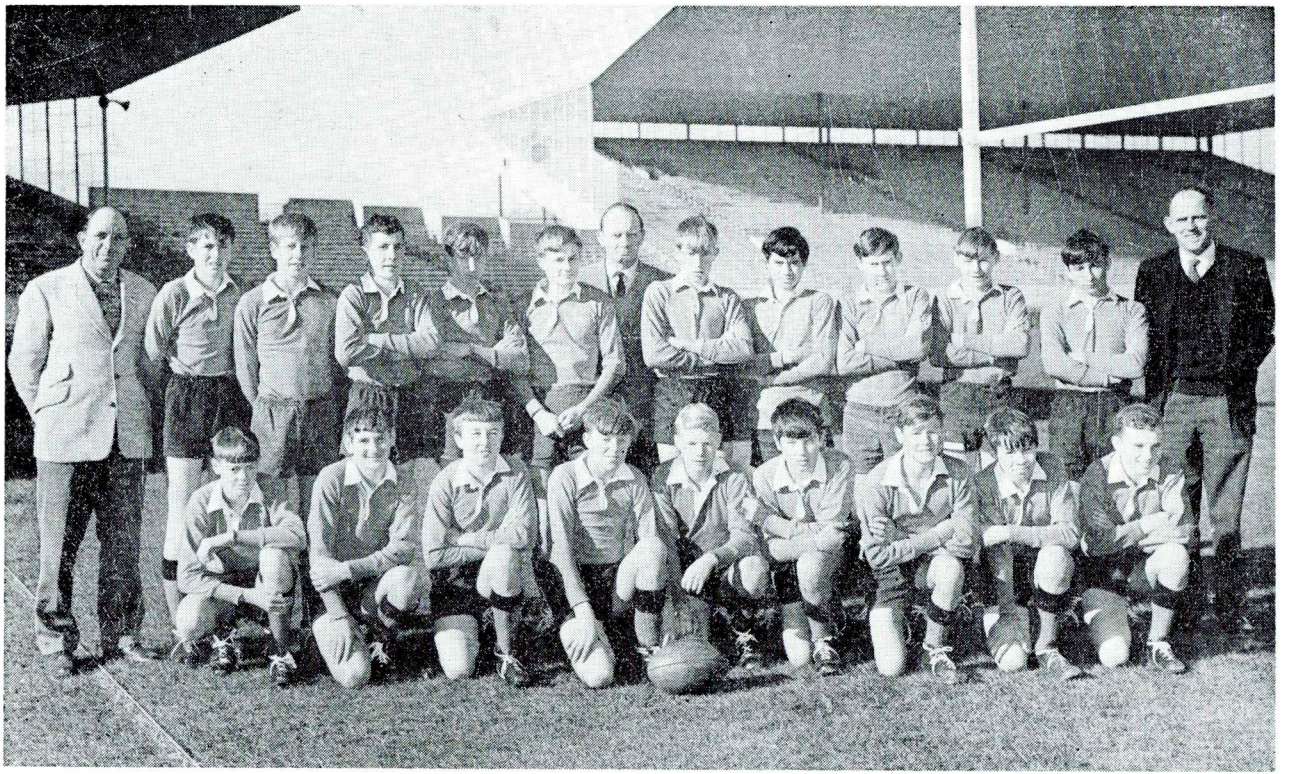
Result: Town 39, Country 9.

1926: I. Howartson (E), T. Wheeler (E), J. Horgan (A), H. Houghton (H), J. Robilliard (A), G. Day (A), R. Hooper (H), J. Pickering (H), O. Le Compt (NC), K. Foster (H), N. Waghorn (P), C. Elms (A), Toby Robinson (P), J. Prenderville (NC), T. Craw (P). Prenderville injured and replaced by C. Waghorn (P).

Result: Town 57, Country 5.

1927: C. McIntosh (P), T. Wheeler (E), D. Grant (NC), B. Brown (E), A. Manning (E), C. Innes (M), V. Mason (E), J. Faulls (NC), R. Anderson (E), K. Foster (H), J. Pickering (H), Toby Robinson (P), C. Waghorn (P), C. R. Watson (NC), N. Withell (E) J. Williamson was replaced by D. Grant at half-time.

Result: Town 57, Country 5.



CANTERBURY RUGBY SUB-UNION
UNDER 8st 7lb REPRESENTATIVES — 1969

Back Row: J. Dawson (selector), T. Earl, C. Harrison, P. Gillan (captain), D. Sloan, P. Tobeck, J. Loffagen (manager), C. Dobson, N. Hammond, R. Gray, R. Loffagen, C. Stockwell, J. Tavendale (selector).
Front Row: D. Carter, R. Tait, M. Grant (v-capt.), J. Dalton, D. Stoddart, L. Vickery, W. Laughton, T. Shimm, D. Cumming.

1928: I. Howartson (E), C. Hosking (H), T. Kerr (H), T. Wheeler (E), T. Jordan (NC), S. Maxwell (H), M. L. Page (M), C. Watson (NC), K. Foster (H), R. Anderson (E), G. W. Thompson (E), T. Lawson (E), J. Pickering (M), Tom Robinson (P), Toby Robinson (P). C. Watson was injuried and was replaced by V. Smith (H).

Result: Country 22, Town 18.

1929: I. Howartson (E), L. Dove (P), P. Williamson (E), T. Wheeler (E), T. Jordan (NC), S. Maxwell (H), V. Mason (E), J. Low (H), K. Foster (H), R. Anderson (E), G. W. Thompson (E), W. Prenderville (H), P. C. Watson (NC), A. Carson (P), J. Gunn (M),

Result: Country 9, Town 8.

1930: I. Howartson (E), C. McIntosh (P), Tom Robinson (P), E. Hayman (E), I. McDonald (H), J. Mann (NC), R. Norton (H), J. Low (H), W. Lindsay (H), A. Priest (P), J. Busch (NC), W. Moore (P), W. Prenderville (H), Maurice Ryan (E), Toby Robinson (P).

Result: Town 41, Country 3.

1931: J. Lee (H), C. McIntosh (P), C. Hosking (H), R. Ormand (H), R. Sherwin, P. McMillan (H), E. Hoskins (E), Tom Robinson (P), E. Bailey, A. Carson (P), G. W. Thompson (E), J. J. Busch (NC), M. Ryan (E), T. Shand (H), Toby Robinson (P).

Result: Town 30, Country 0.

1932: J. Crothall (H), R. Masefield (P), N. Musson (E), L. Hollow (NC), C. Wilson (P), I. Trainor (E), A. O'Connor (H), Tom Robinson (P), K. Denton (NC), G. W. Thompson (E), L. Blomquist (P), A. Carson (P), K. Foster (H), W. Pease (E), M. Ross (H).

Result: Town 19, Country 3.

1933: N. Musson (E), C. McIntosh (P), L. Jenkins (M), J. Mitchell (M), Tom Robinson (P), C. Innes (M), J. Stackhouse (NC), W. Lindsay (H), G. Inglis, E. Watkins (E), J. J. Busch (NC), H. Milliken (M), T. Donaldson, C. Wilson (P), L. Blomquist (P). N. Musson was injured and was replaced by L. Hollow (NC).

Result: Town 30, Country 11.

1934: Tom Robinson (P), J. Mitchell (M), J. Polson (M), R. Masefield (P), C. C. Innes (M), L. Hollow (NC), A. A. Blakeley (E), H. Milliken (M), B. Francis (E), B. Trist (H), R. Ferguson (M), C. Wilson (P), R. R. Innes (M), M. Mackle (H), R. Anderson (E).

Result: Country 11, Town 10.

1935: H. Jamieson (NC), R. Masefield (P), P. Deans (E), J. Jordan (E), H. Sanders (E), J. Searle (M), C. Saundercock (H), G. W. Thompson (E), H. Milliken (M), P. Vaughan (M), N. Maxwell (NC), J. Ryan (E), R. Innes (M), F. Smith (NC), M. Mackie (H).

Result: Town 32, Country 14.

1936: A. Stone (M), A. Horgan (H), J. Gillespie (NC), J. Paulsen (E), H. Sanders (E), R. D. Dick (E), J. Stackhouse (NC), G. W. Thompson (E), A. Copeland (E), N. Maxwell (NC), L. Grant (NC), C. Watkins (E), K. Doody (NC), V. Arps (E), R. R. Innes (M), J. Rainey (H).

Result: Town 36, Country 6.

1937: R. Miles (H), A. McMillan (H), M. W. Patrick (M), I. Boyce (NC), J. Denton (H), G. Arps (M), L. Saundercock (H), F. Newton (E), R. Innes (M), K. Doody (NC), N. Maxwell (NC), J. Rainey (H), C. Watkins (E), G. Lochhead (H), R. Hann (NC), W. Rodgers (H) replaced K. Doody at half-time and an injured Denton was replaced by Gibb McLachan (E).

Result: Town 31, Country 6.

1938: F. Devlin (NC), B. O'Brien (H), R. Miles (H), C. N. C. Watts (E), J. Walker (E), D. Le Compt (P), T. Vaatu (P), I. Smith (E), H. B. Hay (H), J.Rainey (H), S. Kingston (P), M. Rogers (H), M. Deans (M), E. McLean (E), R. Armstrong (P).

Result: Town 17, Country 6.

1939: F. Devlin (NC), R. Fryer (E), J. Walker (E), E. Stringer (NC), R. Mills (H), J. H. Reeves (E), L. Saundercock (H), C. Bunker (P), S. Campbell (E), T. Crampton (H), R. Deans (M), L. Milliken (M), P. Ussher (P), J. Rainey (H), H. B. Hay (H).

Result: Town 21, Country 3.

1946: R. Trollope (NC), R. Rankin (E), C. V. Rowland (NC), E. H. Richards (M), P. Milles (H), G. McLaughlin (H), A. L. Cook (E), J. Green (M), A. Chapman (E), B. G. Miles (H), J. Carroll (P), L. Laugesen (H), A. McLean (NC), P. Ussher (P), A. M. Henderson (NC).

Result: Town 26, Country 6.

1947: R. Trollope (NC), C. Rowland (NC), G. Gardiner (NC), J. Laugesen (H), R. Perry (E), R. H. Waterland (E), A. Cook (E), A. Chapman (E), J. Green (M), G. Parsons (H), A. McLean (NC), L. Laugesen (H), N. Dalzell (H), L. Davies (E), A. M. Henderson (NC).

Result: Town 28, Country 5.

1948: E. H. Richards (M), R. Coleman (E), G. Bray (E), R. McKay (M), R. Pickering, I. McNally (NC), N. Thomas (NC), A. Chapman (E), M. Eilken (E), D. Mould (P), D. King, M. Crampton (H), N. Dalzell (H), B. Brown (H), A. M. Henderson (NC).

Result: Country 25, Town 18.

This same year Country played Nelson at Lancaster Park and lost 9-3.

1949: D. Masefield (P), S. Stephens (E), C. V. Rowland (NC), E. H. Richards (M), G. Bray (E), G. Robinson (E), D. Keane (E), D. Mould (P), J. D. Stewart (E), A. Chapman (E), M. Williams (E), N. Dalzell (H), R. Harris (P), B. Goodwin (NC), A. M. Henderson (NC).

Result: Town 9, Country 5.

Country also played West Coast at Rangiora and won 16-6.

1950: H. Jacobs (H), S. Stephens (E), E. H. Richards (M), M. Patterson (E), G. Wright (M), D. McGrath (H), N. Thomas (NC), A. Barnes (H), D. Mould (P), A. Manson (E), M. Williams (E), N. Dalzell (H), Reg Harris (P), R. Craw (P), A. M. Henderson (NC).

Result: Town 52, Country 8.

1951: G. Patterson (E), M. Patterson (E), C. Rowland (NC), E. H. Richards (M), A. Booth (E), J. Hotop (E), R. Grant (NC), M. Rathgen (E), J. McLean (NC), A. Barnes (H), M. Williams (E), N. Dalzell (H), Reg Harris (P), R. Craw (P), A. M. Henderson (NC). M. Henderson was replaced by H. Richards late in the game.

Result: Country 16, Town 16.

1952: P. Tierney, I. Pickering (E), N. Atkinson (H), E. H. Richards (M), A. W. C. McPherson (E), J. Hotop (E), T. Robinson (P), L. Fleming (H), W. Johnson (E), J. McLean (NC), K. Lowe (NC), N. Dalzell (H), L. D. Davies (H), R. Craw (P), A. M. Henderson (NC).

Result: Town 21, Country 5.

1953: G. Patterson (E), R. Averill (E), A. W. C. McPherson (E), W. Snellex (NC), G. Marshall (E), N. Mortimer (H), B. Hassell (H), W. Chapman (E), W. Johnson (E), J. McLean (NC), D. McMillan (E), M. Peach (NC), N. Dalzell (H), L. D. Davies (H), A. M. Henderson (NC).

Result: Town 37, Country 11.

1954: G. Patterson (E), W. Snellex (NC), R. Afatu (E), P. Fleming (E), A. W. C. McPherson (E), J. Nimmo (E), B. Hasell (H), P. Archdale, K. Fincham (H), J. McLean (NC), L. Davies (H), J. H. Mauger (E), G. W. Amyes (E), S. F. Hill (E), R. Moffat (E).

Result: Country 11, Town 11.

1955: G. Patterson (E), K. Fowler (M), R. Gilmore (E), I. Pickering (E), A. W. C. McPherson (E), John Wilson (NC), B. Hassell (H), A. Barnes (H), K. Fincham (H), J. McLean (NC), S. F. Hill (E), D. McMillan (E), F. Wilding (H), J. Buxton (E), R. Moffat (E).

Result: Town 19, Country 3.

1956: C. Anderson (H), J. Noonan (H), N. Sutherland (E), W. Snellex (NC), B. Dalley (E), A. W. C. McPherson (E), M. Logan (NC), W. J. Whineray (E), K. Fincham (H), C. Palmer (E), B. Cashmore (E), D. Kennedy (E), D. McMillan (E), J. Buxton (E), R. Moffat (E). An injured Dalley was replaced by B. Smith (M).

Result: Town 29, Country 13.

1957: C. Anderson (H), K. Walker (H), A. W. C. McPherson (E), J. Stewart (P), R. Morrison (H), P. Joblin (E), B. Hassell (H), Gordon Loe (NC), K. Fincham (H), C. Heslop (E), D. McAslin (NC), D. McMillan (E), Frank Loe (NC), I. Bolton (P), E. Murray (NC).

Result: Town 27, Country 11.

1958: C. Anderson (H), K. Walker (H), P. Gregg (E), W. Snellex (NC), J. Gunn (M), G. Stewart (NC), B. Hassell (H), E. Hern (H), K. McKenzie (NC), C. Heslop (E), D. Ellison (E), D. McMillan (E), Frank Loe (NC), W. Buckland (P), D. Richards (NC). Heslop was replaced by Geoff Millar (E).

Result: Town 27, Country 6.

1959: C. Anderson (H), J. Gardiner (H), P. Gregg (E), P. Fleming (E), J. Gunn (M), W. Mitchell (E), B. Hassell (H), J. Chadwick (E), J. Inch (H), D. McMillan (E), R. Cochrane (E), S. Mitchell (M), Frank Loe (NC), C. Heslop (E), B. McFarlane (H). J. Gunn was replaced by A. Coleman (E).

Result: Town 29, Country 14.

1960: B. Tod (E), P. Fleming (E), R. Rikys (E), A. Pluck (H), A. Coleman (E), J. Hotop (M), H. Nicholson, (E), B. Trevella (NC), J. Inch (H), R. Cochrane (E), D. Richards (NC), S. Mitchell (M), Frank Loe (NC), J. Sheehan (E), C. Heslop (E). Trevella was replaced by S. Childs (E).

Result: Town 44, Country 3.

1961: L. Lundy (NC), C. Mitchell (E), R. Logan (NC), A. Pluck (H), J. Gunn (M), A. Coleman (E), M. Heslop (E), K. Tremain (E), N. Cornelius (NC), W. J. Thompson (E), R. Cochrane (E), J. Strang (E), J. Le Leivre (H), J. Sheehan (E), B. Perkins (H).

Result: Town 24, Country 8.

1962: C. Anderson (H), J. Gardiner (H), R. Smith (H), G. Skinner (E), G. Johnson (E), David Wyllie (NC), M. Reid (NC), F. Meyer (NC), N. Cornelius (NC), J. Francis (H), R. Cochrane (E), C. Heslop (E), J. Le Leivre (H), J. Sheehan (E), B. McFarlane (H).

Result: Country 6, Town 3.

1963: C. Anderson (H), R. Grant (E), R. Grenfell (H), W. McDonald (E), J. Doggett (NC), David Wyllie (NC), M. Reid (NC), F. Meyer (NC), N. Cornelius (NC), J. Francis (H), A. E. Hopkinson (H), A. J. Wyllie (NC), J. Le Leivre (H), T. Norton (H), B. McFarlane (H).

Result: Town 6, Country 5.

1964: C. Anderson (H), J. Gardiner (H), R. Smith (H), P. Johns (E), D. Kitchen (E), David Wyllie (NC), M. Reid (NC), F. Meyer (NC), N. Cornelius (NC), A. Hopkinson (H), J. Francis (H), A. J. Wyllie (NC), J. M. Le Leivre (H), T. Norton (H), C. Delaveau (H).

Result: Town 14, Country 9.

1965: I. Doody (NC), P. Johns (E), J. Gardiner (H), R. Wards (E), D. Kitchen (E), David Wyllie (NC), B. Peter (NC), F. Meyer (NC), A. J. Wyllie (NC), M. Perkins (H), J. Francis (H), N. Cornelius (NC), J. Le Leivre (H), J. Sheehan (E), A. Hopkinson (H).

Result: Country 6, Town 6. Referee: Mr W. A. Eaglesome.

1966: I. Doody (NC), J. Gardiner (H), G. Bennie, R. Wards (E), D. Kitchen (E), David Wyllie (NC), B. Peter (NC), A. Hopkinson (H), N. Cornelius (NC), A. J. Wyllie (NC), J. A. Francis (H), M. Perkins (E), N. McBreen, W. Scott (E), M. J. Sheehan (E).

Result: Town 15, Country 11. Referee: Mr A. R. Taylor.

1967: I. Doody (NC), P. Kininmonth (H), W. J. Brooks (E), R. J. Phelan (NC), G. Bennie (NC), D. A. Wyllie (NC), M. B. Maxwell, I. A. Kirkpatrick (NC), G. L. Dunster (NC), A. J. Wyllie (NC), M. R. Perkins (E), J. A. Francis (H), C. E. Heslop (H), N. G. Cornelius (NC), M. J. Sheehan (E).

Result: Town 25, Country 3. Referee: Mr S. C. Miller.

CANTERBURY SUB-UNIONS UNDER 16 RUGBY TEAM

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Back Row: Murray McKay, Neil Eder, Greg Lowe, Nigel Withell, Vince O'Loughlin, John Arthur.
Middle Row: Mr P. Brady, Mr Loffagen, Maurice McNally, Barry Rueben, Kelvin James, P. O'Carroll, D. Morrison, B. Le Leivre, Mr G. Lennon (coach).
Front Row: Stuart Bray, Ross Stewart, Murray Grant, Grahame Clayton (captain), I. Shinn, Robert McLean, Grant Laffey.

1968: D. McRae (E), R. Wards (E), N. Bowering (NC), R. Phelan (NC), G. Bennie (NC), David Wyllie (NC), W. Croft (NC), G. Dunston (H), N. Cornelius (NC), A. J. Wyllie (NC), M. Perkins (E), H. McDonald (NC), B. Gardiner (NC), J. Sheehan (E), W. Scott (E).

Results: Town 26, Country 19. Referee: Mr A. F. Gurnsey.

1969: N. Dykes (NC), S. Wyllie (NC), F. Fowler (H), R. Wards (E), W. Brooks (E), Don Wyllie (NC), W. Croft (NC), G. Henderson (NC), A. J. Wyllie (NC), I. Kirkpatrick (NC), M. Perkins (E), H. H. McDonald (NC), A. E. Hopkinson (H), W. Scott (E), M. J. Sheehan (E).

Result: Town 41, Country 3. Referee: Mr Hugh Gray.

1970: P. Sheehan (NC), F. Fowler (H), D. Palmer (H), S. Wyllie (NC), P. Vavasour (E), David Wyllie (NC), W. Croft (E), A. J. Wyllie (NC), G. Dunster (NC), N. Cornelius (NC), I. Francis (H), J. Sowden (H), A. E. Hopkinson (H), J. Fletcher (H), M. J. Sheehan (E).

Result: Town 48, Country 12. Referee: Mr A. F. Gurnsey.

1971: N. Dykes (NC), G. Taylor (E), R. Lanauze (E), F. Fowler (H), D. Palmer (H), D. Bruce (NC), W. Gibson (NC), G. Henderson (NC), R. Wainahu (E), M. Perkins (E), J. Sowden (H), S. Cron (H), A. Hopkinson (H), M. Ryan (E), B. Thompson (NC).

Result: Country 8, Town 6. Referee: Mr M. Hargraves.

1972: N. Dykes (NC), G. Taylor (E), A. Fraser (NC), G. Ormandy (H), J. Taylor (E), O. D. Bruce (NC), R. Grant (NC), G. Henderson (NC), S. Cron (H), A. J. Wyllie (NC), H. McDonald (NC) M. Perkins (E), M. Croft (NC), M. Ryan (E), B. Thompson (NC).

Result: Town 15, Country 14. Referee: Mr B. E. Powell.

1973: N. Dykes (NC), G. Taylor (E), A. Fraser (NC), G. Ormandy (H), D. Palmer (H), D. Bruce (NC), J. McAuliffe (H), A. J. Wyllie (NC), G. Henderson (NC), S. C. Cron (H), H. McDonald (E), R. Kerr (E), B. Thompson (NC), M. Ryan (E), J. Stubbs (NC).

Result: Town 25, Country 12. Referee: Mr Jeff Barber.

1974: I. Clarke (E), G. Taylor (E), A. Fraser (NC), P. Curnow (NC), D. Palmer (H), J. Taylor (E), R. Grant (NC), A. J. Wyllie (NC), R. Waghorn (E), G. Henderson (NC), H. H. McDonald (NC), B. Higginson (NC), J. Stubbs (NC), M. Ryan (E), B. Thompson (NC).

Result: Town 31, Country 3. Referee: Mr J. G. Cadigan.

1975: M. Cameron (NC), R. Ogg (E), A. Fraser (NC), P. Curnow (NC), O. D. Bruce (NC), D. Stewart (E), R. Grant (NC), G. Henderson (NC), D. Hayes (E), A. J. Wyllie (NC), P. Gibson (NC), B. Higginson (NC), J. Stubbs (NC), M. Ryan (E), B. Thompson (NC).

Result: Country 15, Town 8. Referee: Mr M. Fitzgibbon.

OTHER REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

1947—Country v Marlborough at Lancaster Park: D. Masefield (P), E. H. Richards (M), C. V. Rowland (NC), W. Cone (H), A. Richards (M), R. Perry, R. Lord, G. N. Dalzell (H), M. Kay, H. Hartley, A. Loffhagen, G. Parsons, A. Chapman, J. D. Stewart, D. Mould.

Result: Marlborough 28, Country 9.

1948—Country v Nelson, Lancaster Park: E. H. Richards (M), G. Wright (M), B. Robinson (E), L. Fraser (NC), I. McNally (NC), R. Pickering (M), N. Thomas (NC), A. M. Henderson (NC), E. A. Martin (E), L. Davies (E), N. Dalzell (H), B. H. Brown (H), A. Chapman (E), M. Eilken (E), G. Parsons (H).

Result: Nelson 9, Country 3.

1949—Country v West Coast at Rangiora: R. Rofata, S. F. Stephens (E), D. Masefield (P), D. McAuliffe, I. McNally (NC), B. Brooks (E), N. Thomas (NC), A. M. Henderson (NC), M. Williams (E), N. Dalzell (H), R. Harris (P), H. Richards (M), D. Mould (P), A. Hanson, J. Loffhagen (NC).

Result: Country 16, West Coast 6.

1950—Country v North Otago at Oamaru: M. Patterson (E), G. Wright (M), E. H. Richards (M), S. Stephens (E), R. Barnes (H), J. Booth (E), N. Thomas (NC), A. M. Henderson (NC), M. Williams (E), L. Barnett (P), W. Compton (E), R. Craw (P), A. Smith, J. McLean (NC), L. Fleming.

Result: North Otago 8, Country 6.

1950—Country v Otago Sub-Unions at Lancaster Park: M. Patterson (E), G. Wright (M), I. McNally (NC), S. Stephens (E), R. Barnes (H), A. Booth (E), N. Thomas (NC), A. M. Henderson (NC), M. Williams (E), N. Dalzell (H), Reg Harris (P), R. Craw (P), A. Loffhagen (NC), J. McLean (NC), L. Fleming.

Result: Otago S.U. 13, Country 6.

1950—Country v Golden Bay at Lancaster Park: E. H. Richards (M), M. Patterson (E), I. McNally (NC), S. Stephens (E), R. Barnes (H), R. Grant (NC), N. Thomas (NC), A. Barnes (H), M. Williams (E), L. Barnett, J.Le Compt (NC), R. Craw (P), M. Smith, J. McLean (NC), H. Tuanui.

Result: Golden Bay 14, Country 9.

1951—Country v Buller at Lancaster Park: G. Patterson (E), M. Patterson (E), C. McPherson (E), E. H. Richards (M), John Wilson (NC), I. Pickering (E), R. Grant (NC), Ray Harris (P), M. Williams (E), Reg Harris (P), L. Davies (H), R. Craw (P), M. Rathgen (E), J. McLean (NC), A. Barnes (H).

Result: Buller 9, Country 3.

1954—Country v Mid-Canterbury at Lancaster Park: G. Patterson, M. Feary, C. McCauley, I. Pickering, B. Young, J. McLeod, B. Harell, G. W. Amyes, S. Mitchell, F. Wilding, D. McMillan, R. Craw, M. Rathgen, C. Garlick, J. McLean.

1954—Country v Golden Bay at Lancaster Park: G. Patterson (E), I. Pickering (E), R. Afatu (E), P. Fleming (E), A. W. C. McPherson (E), J. Nimmo (E), B. Hassell (H), R. Moffat (E), R. Craw (P), J. H. Mauger (E), L. Davies (H), G. W. Amyes (E), J. McLean (NC), K. Fincham (H), P. Archdale.

Result: Country 19, Golden Bay 8.

1954—Country v Mid-Canterbury at Ashburton: B. Dalley, C. Anderson, A. W. C. McPherson, J. Noonan, P. Joblin, W. Snellex, B. Hassell, S. Mitchell, B. Cashmore, D. Kenndy, E. Murray, P. Johnson, Gordon Loe, K. McKenzie, M. Marshall.

Result: Mid-Canterbury 17, Country 11.

1957—Country v Mid-Canterbury at Leeston: G. Patterson, B. Wilson, J. Noonan, K. Walker, A. Coleman, R. Morrison, B. Peter, E. Murray, D. Richards, D. McAslin, D. McMillan, Frank Loe, I. Bolton, Gordon Loe, K. McKenzie, C. Heslop.

Result: Country 8, Mid-Canterbury 6.

1959—Country v Buller at Rangiora: C. Anderson, P. Fleming, B. Poole, A. Pluck, J. Gunn, W. Mitchell, B. Harell, J. Chadwick, D. Sloss, Frank Loe, D. McMillan, S. Mitchell, C. Heslop, K. McKenzie, G. Millar.

Result: Buller 14, Country 10.

1965—Country v Golden Bay-Motueka at Lancaster Park South: I. Doody, R. Wards, D. Happer, S. Wyllie, Don Wyllie, David Wyllie, B. Maxwell, F. Meyer, N. Cornelius, J. Francis, M. Perkins, A. J. Wyllie, N. Manson, J. Sheehan, A. E. Hopkinson.

Result: Country 12, Golden Bay 0.

COUNTRY TOURS

COUNTRY TOUR 1929

Played Kaikoura, won 39-9.

Played Nelson, lost 15-21.

Played Golden Bay-Motueka, won 23-13.

Played Marlborough, lost 15-21.

Team manager, Mr Harry Saundercock, selector with team was Mr Charlie McKeegan.

To finance the tour each of the five sub-unions were asked to contribute £20 towards the cost.

Jerseys, shorts and socks were loaned by the Canterbury Rugby Football Union and this body expressed their concern and disapproval at the disappearance of several jerseys, when they were returned. This is one of the undersirable aspects that has been handed down to the present day players.

As the tour did not commence until mid-September, seasonal farm work prevented some players from being available, also Thompson, Carson and Toby Robinson were required for the Canterbury team.

M. L. Page, who has always been a Country player until the 1929 season, was playing for the Old Boys Club in Christchurch, but due to shortage of key players, was 'rung-in'.

In 1929 Country had beaten Town for the second year in succession, this was indicative of the strength of Country rugby at this stage.

The transport conveyance 'Mocketts' could not carry luggage so a luggage car was sent, this was driven by Jack Crothall the teams official full-back.

The game against Golden Bay-Motueka, was played at Takaka, a then very much isolated area due to the time involved in travelling over the hill from Motueka. This generally was a two hour journey in the early days.

For this reason very few representative matches were allocated to Takaka so the Country game resulted in a most enthusiastic welcome for the visitors. Entertainment provided was of a most lavish nature, a dance with all the trimmings was arranged the night before the game, which the local team did not attend.

As expected the performance of the Country team was lethargic in the first half and at half-time "Curley" Page appealed to the

CANTERBURY RUGBY SUB-UNIONS TOURING TEAM, 1929

Back Row: W. Maxwell (S.I. selector), C. McKintosh, C. Watson, G. Bisphan, L. Milliken, W. Prenderville, T. Jordan, J. Smith, C. W. McKeegan (selector).
Middle Row: M. L. Page (vice-captain), C. Williams, K. Foster, J. Gunn, H. Saundercock (manager), S. Maxwell (captain), J. P. Low, J. Williamson, R. Anderson.
Front Row: A. E. Ellis, L. Dore, J. Crothall, J. McKay.

CANTERBURY RUGBY SUB-UNIONS TOURING TEAM, 1947

v. Golden Bay-Motueka, drew 8-8; v. Buller, lost 8-9; v. West Coast, lost 13-14; Points for 29 Against 31

Back Row: J. Laugeson, G. Parsons, A. Richards, D. Masefield, H. Hartley, M. Kay.
Middle Row: K. Burrows, D. Mould, A. Loffhagen, T. Richards, A. Chapman, J. Jacobs, J. D. Stewart, T. Wheeler (selector).
Front Row: A. Richmond, W. Cone, R. Lord, C. W. McKeegan (manager-selector), M. Henderson (capt.), C. V. Rowlands (v-capt.), R. Perry, I. McNally.
Absent: E. Pulley.

team, that now they had 'sweated it out' get going, the team responded and a handsome win was the result.

Jim Parker, a former All Black wing forward and Loburn Club member, was the coach of the Golden Bay team.

The voluntary gate-keeper at this match proved more interested in an old friend he discovered in the Country party and deserted his official duty until most of the patrons had made entry. This act was not received with much enthusiasm by the Golden Bay-Motueka Union.

A South Island selector travelled back to Nelson with the team and was present at the match with Nelson. Don Max of Nelson, who became an All Black in 1932 and 34 and played in eight matches for New Zealand, was selected for the South Island after the match with Country.

The Nelson ground was very hard, in fact Eric Snow, who had played eight matches for the All Blacks in South Africa in 1928, said that it compared with many South African fields.

The entertainment in Marlborough was also indicative of appreciation of the Country visit and once again the pre-match arrangements caused the coaches and most players some concern. A launch trip in the Sounds, resulted in the launch and entire party being stranded on an isolated beach until the tide became favourable for sailing back to Picton to be welcomed by a most concerned party of locals.

COUNTRY TOUR 1947

Played Golden Bay-Motueka, drew 8-8.

Played Buller, lost 8-9.

Played West Coast, lost 13-14.

Team: A. M. Henderson (capt.), C. V. Rowland, J. Laugeson, G. Parsons, A. Richards, D. Masefield, H. Hartley, M. McKay, K. Burrows, D. Mould, A. Loffhagen, E. H. M. Richards, A. Chapman, J. Jacobs, J. D. Stewart, A. Richmond, W. Cone, R. Lord, R. Perry, I. McNally, E. Pulley.

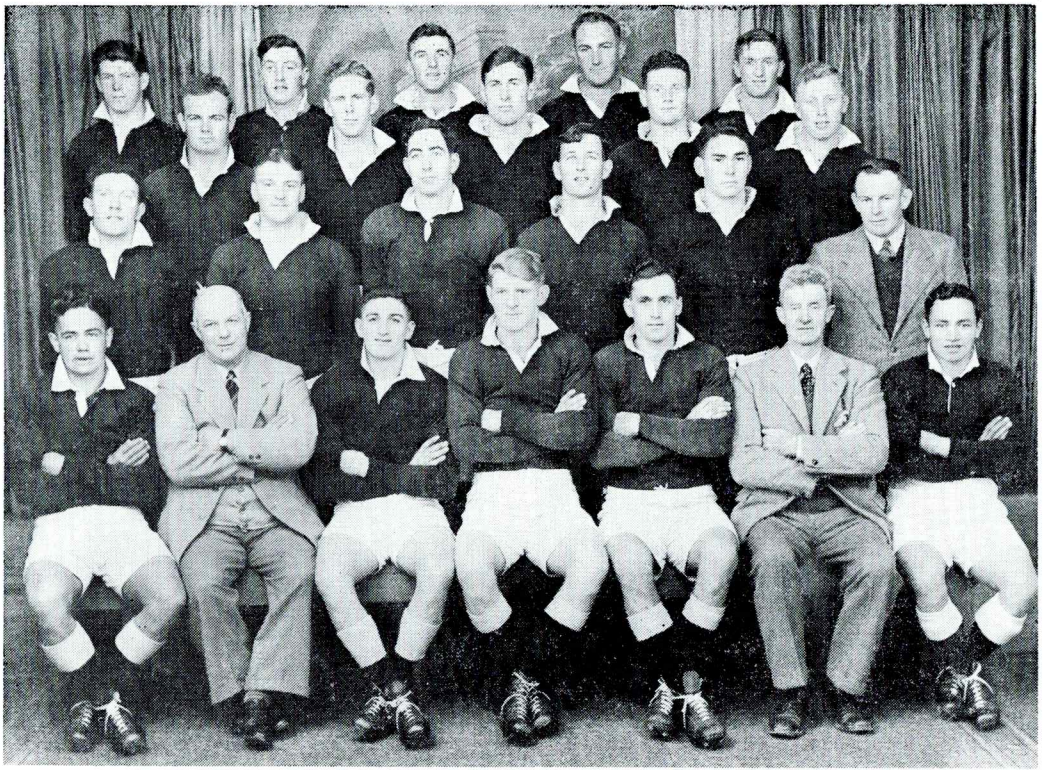
Manager: M. C. W. McKeegan, Coach: Mr T. M. Wheeler.

Although the team did not win a match on this tour, it will be seen from the results published that there was only the single point loss in each of its two matches with a draw in the third.

Travelling via Kaikoura, a match was arranged against the Kaikoura Club which beat the Country side. Many casualties were reported and team strength was reduced.

CANTERBURY RUGBY SUB-UNIONS TOURING TEAM, 1951

Back Row: D. G. Patterson, M. J. Williams, J. J. McLean, J. M. Hampton, A. W. C. McPherson, A. K. Booth.
Middle Row: R. C. Barnes, I. L. Pickering, F. F. Wilding, D. A. Earl, H. A. Richards, R. A. Craw, W. M. Patterson, R. W. Grant.
Front Row: C. H. McKeigan (co-manager), M. K. Rathgen, E. H. Richards, (vice-captain), L. D. Davies (captain), M. A. Peach, A. E. Barnes, T. M. Wheeler (co-manager).
Sitting: J. T. Garlick, T. Robinson.



CANTERBURY RUGBY SUB-UNIONS

SOUTHERN TOUR 1953

Back Row: J. A. Nimmo, G. Marshall, G. Patterson, W. Chapman, B. Hassell.
Third Row: W. Johnson, H. M. Donaldson, J. H. Mauger, J. Le Leivre, J. McLean.
Second Row: I. Pickering, M. Peach, D. McMillan, L. Davies, R. F. Apatu, D. Mould (co-manager).
Front Row: W. Hokianga, T. M. Wheeler (co-manager), W. Snellex (v-capt.), A. M. Henderson (captain), R. Craw, C. W. McKeegan (president), T. Robinson.

Included in the team were several players that served Country well and represented Canterbury: Max Henderson played for Canterbury for several years and captained the Province; Toby Richards Ivan McNally, Colin Rowland, Arnold Chapman and Jim Stewart all played in the red and black Provincial jersey. Jim Stewart, now Professor Stewart of Lincoln College, represented N.Z. Universities and was a most successful Canterbury senior selector and coach.

COUNTRY TOUR 1951

Played West Coast at Greymouth, lost 26-11.

Played Buller at Westport, won 12-8.

Played Golden Bay at Motueka, won 19-16.

Played Nelson at Nelson, won 11-9.

Played Marlborough at Blenheim, lost 17-11.

The team was: G. Patterson, A. W. C. McPherson, M. Patterson, E. H. Richards, J. Hampton, R. Barnes, I. Pickering, A. Booth, R. Grant, T. Robinson, L. D. Davies, M. Williams, D. Earl, M. Peach, H. Richards, R. Craw, F. Wilding, M. Rathgen, C. Garlick, J. McLean.

1953 COUNTRY TEAM'S SOUTHERN TOUR

This was the first time that a Country team had undertaken a tour south, which included a match against the powerful Otago Sub-Union's team.

Played Mid-Canterbury, lost 9-6.

Played North Otago, lost 16-13.

Played Otago Sub-Union at Carisbrook, drew 3-3.

The touring party was: A. M. Henderson (capt.), W. Snellex, J. A. Nimmo, G. Marshall, G. Patterson, J. H. Mauger, J. M. Le Leivre J. McLean, I. Pickering, M. Peach, D. C. McMillan, R. Craw, L. D. Davies, R. F. Afatu, W. Chapman, W. Johnson, W. Hokianga, T. Robinson, B. Hassell, H. Donaldson.

Messrs T. M. Wheeler and D. Mould were the managers.

CANTERBURY SUB-UNIONS RUGBY TOURING TEAM, 1957
SEDDON SHIELD DISTRICTS

v. West Coast, won 3-0. v. Buller, won 14-13, v. Golden Bay-Motueka, won 15-3. v. Nelson, lost 16-17 v. Marlborough, won 9-6.

Back Row: D. McAslan, F. Loe, D. Richards, G. Millar, P. O'Malley, C. Heslop.
Third Row: P. Joblin, J. Stewart, J. Gunn, R. Morison, B. Wilson, L. Lundy, G. Loe.
Second Row: J. K. Fincham, K. Walker, E. Murray (v-capt.), J. D. Mackay (manager), A. W. C. McPherson (captain), M. R. Logan (player-coach), I. Bolton, A. Coleman.
Front: B. Hassell, K. McKenzie.

CANTERBURY RUGBY SUB-UNION TOURING TEAM, 1960

v. Nelson 29-11; v. Golden Bay-Motueka 36-9; v.West Coast 13-6; v. Buller 11-6; N.S.W. Country 11-11. Points for 100, Against 43.

Back Row: R. Taiaroa, C. Anderson, J. Inch, D. Richards, F. Loe, C. Heslop, J. O. Black.
Middle Row: G. H. Nicholson, S. Childs, B. Perkins, J. Francis, C. H. Fletcher (driver), A. Scherp, P. Fleming, S. Mitchell, M. Heslop.
Front Row: C. Watson (selector), J. Sheehan, R. Cochrane (captain), G. E. Rennie (manager), J. Gunn, A. Pluck, H. Swaney (selector, asst. manager).
Inset: J. Hotop (vice-captain).

1957 COUNTRY TOUR

The Country team toured the Seddon Shield district and played five matches.

Played West Coast, won 3-0.
Played Buller, won 14-13.
Played Golden Bay-Motueka, won 15-3.
Played Nelson, lost 17-16.
Played Marlborough, won 9-6.

The team was: C. Anderson, K. Walker, A. W. C. McPherson, J. Stewart, J. Gunn, B. Wilson, R. Morrison, P. Joblin, A. Coleman, B. Hasell, M|. Logan, E. Murray, P. O'Malley, I. Bolton, D. McAslin, Frank Loe, G. Millar, D. Richards, C. Heslop, Gorden Loe, K. Finchaw, K. McKenzie.

Mr J. D. Mackay was the manager and the selectors were Messrs G. E. Rennie, A. M. Henderson and G. Lindstrom.

1960 COUNTRY TOUR

Played Nelson, won 29-11.
Played Golden Bay-Motueka, won 36-9.
Played West Coast, won 13-6.
Played Buller, won 11-6.

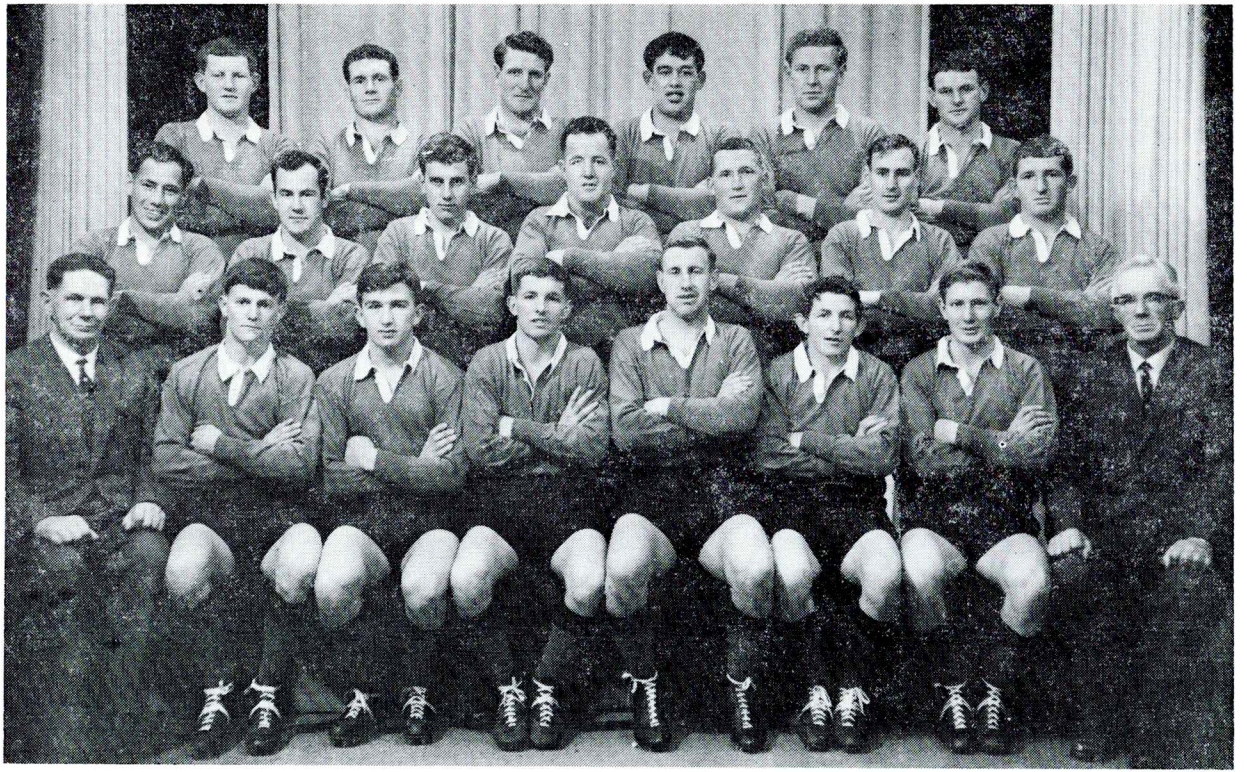
Team was: C. Anderson, A. Pluck, R. Taiaroa, P. Fleming, J. Gunn, I. Black, I. Hotop, H. Nicholson, M. Heslop, G. Childs, L. Scherf J. Inch, S. Mitchell, D. Richards, R. Cochrane, J. Francis, B. Perkins, Frank Loe, J. Sheehan, C. Heslop.

Team manager: Mr G. E. Rennie, coaches: Messrs C. R. Watson and H. Swaney.

COUNTRY TOUR 1963

Played Marlborough, won 13-3.
Played Golden Bay-Motueka, won 26-3.
Played Nelson, won 21-11.

The team was: N. Alexander, C. Anderson, R. Logan, R. Grenfell, R. Grant, R. Taiaroa, David Wyllie, C. Reid, M. Reid, A. J. Wyllie



CANTERBURY RUGBY SUB-UNIONS TOURING TEAM, 1963

v. Marlborough, Won 13-3. v. Golden Bay-Motueka, Won 26.3. v. Nelson, Won 21-11.

Back Row: A. J. Wyllie, J. M. Le Leivre, A. E. Hopkinson, I. T. B. Tuhuru, T. W. Hutchinson, C. W. Anderson.
Middle Row: J. R. Taiaroa, R. L. Grant, R. N. Alexander, C. E. Heslop, C. J. G. DeLaveau, R. A. Logan, R. A. Grenfell.
Front Row: R. D. Catherwood (manager), D. A. Wyllie, T. W. Norton, C. Reid, N. G. Cornelius (captain), M. J. Reid (v-captain), F. R. Meyer, C. R. Watson (selector).
Absent: D. K. Coleman (selector).

CANTERBURY RUGBY SUB-UNIONS
NORTH ISLAND TOURING TEAM — 1967

v. Horowhenua, won 17-4; v. Bush, won 15-9; v. Wairarapa, lost 8-12; v. Marlborough, lost 11-12.

Back Row: M. J. Sheehan, D. W. G. Scott, A. J. Wyllie, G. L. C. Dunster, D. W. McRae, I. M. Doody.
Middle Row: P. R. Kininmonth, M. P. Earl, A. J. Hopkinson, H. H. McDonald, M. R. Perkins, G. B. Henderson, N. W. Manson, F. A. Fowler.
Front Row: M. P. Boyce, W. J. Brooks, M. R. Barnett (manager), N. G. Cornelius (captain), R. J. Phelan (vice-captain), J. Hotop (asst. manager), D. A. Wyllie.
Inset: Touring Supporter, K. Vogan.

F. Meyer, N. Cornelius, J. Francis, B. McFarlane, A. Hopkinson, R. Tuhuru, J. Le Leivre, T. Norton, C. Delaveau, C. Heslop, T. Hutchison.

Manager: Mr R. D. Catherwood. Selectors: Messrs D. Coleman and C. R. Watson.

COUNTRY TOUR 1967

Played Horowhenua, won 17-4.

Played Bush, won 15-9.

Played Wairarapa, lost 8-12.

Played Marlborough, lost 11-12.

This was the first time a tour had been made outside the South Island and it will be realized from the results that the Country team was not out of its class. The loss against Marlborough, the last game of the tour, was by four penalty goals to three tries by Country.

The manager was Mr M. R. Barnett and the coach, Mr John Hotop.

The team was: I. Doody, D. McRae, F. Fowler, P. Kininmonth, M. P. Earl, W. J. Brooks, R. Phelan, David Wyllie, M. P. Boyce, M. B. Maxwell, A. J. Wyllie, N. G. Cornelius, G. B. Henderson, G. Dunster, N. Manson, M. Perkins, I. Kirkpatrick, A. E. Hopkinson, H. McDonald, D. W. Scott, J. Sheehan.

1970 COUNTRY TOUR

Played West Coast, lost 11-3.

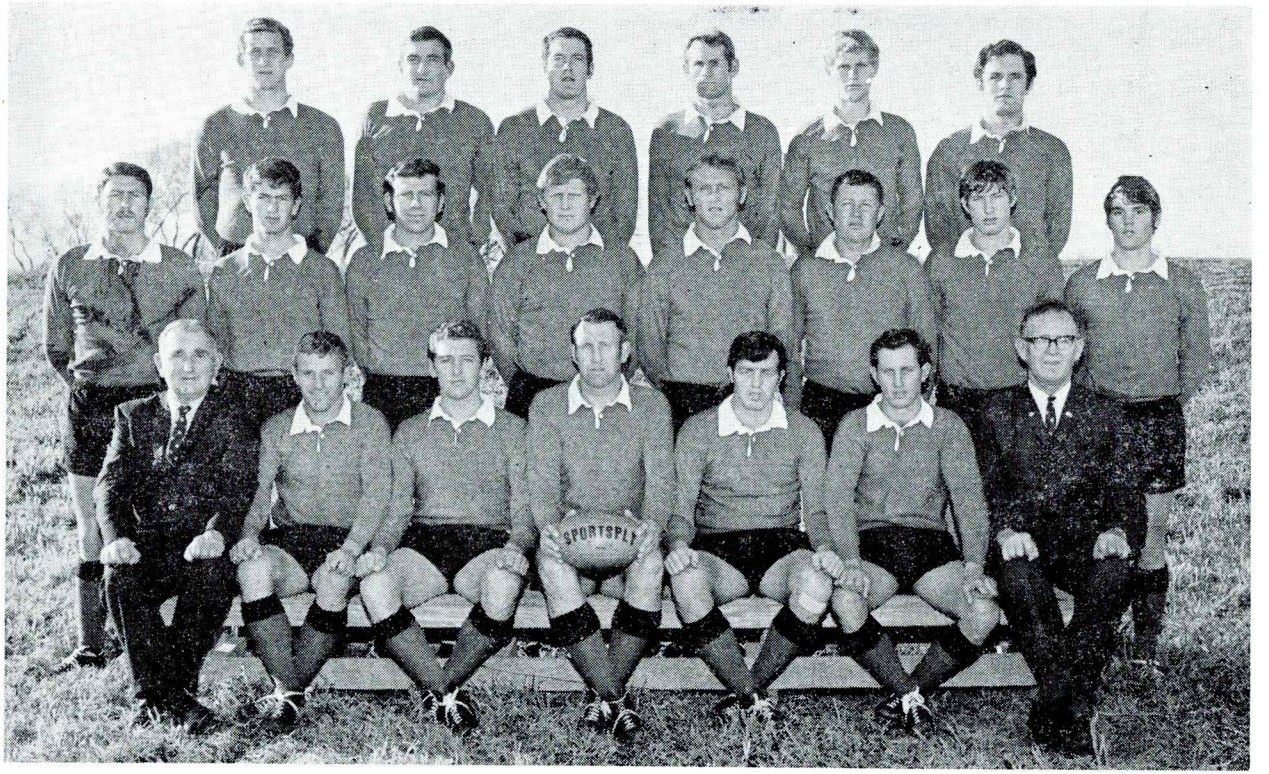
Played Buller, won 11-3.

Played Nelson Bays, lost 12-14.

Played Marlborough, lost 6-12.

Manager: Mr F. J. Shadbolt, coach: Mr Ivan McNally.

The team was: P. Sheehan, B. Ford, A. McIlraith, D. Palmer, P. Vavasour, F. Fowler, J. Taylor. A. Hart, W. Croft, G. B. Henderson, G. Dunster, N. Cornelius (capt.), M. Perkins, J. Sowden, J. Francis, H. Gardiner, D. W. Scott, B. Thompson, M. J. Sheehan.



CANTERBURY SUB-UNION TOURING TEAM, 1970

Back Row: G. Henderson, J. Sowden, M. Perkins, J. Francis, A. McIlraith, H. Gardiner.
Middle Row: P. Sheehan, P. Vavasour, D. W. Scott, B. Thompson, G. Dunster, M. J. Sheehan, B. Ford, D. Palmer.
Front Row: F. Shadbolt (manager), W. Croft, F. Fowler, N. G. Cornelius (captain), J. Taylor, A. Hart, I. McNally (selector).

1973 COUNTRY TOUR

This tour was a first in several ways, it was the first time that the Sub-Union Association's committee had accepted an invitation to tour as far south as the Southland Sub-Unions' district and the match against this powerful team was played at Gore.

It was also the first time Country had been matched against Otago Sub-Unions in their own territory, the match was played at Alexander in Central Otago.

Due to the rising costs of bus travel and hotel accommodation, the Country Sub-Unions requested that the host sub-union billet the team. This request to the warm hearted rugby loving fanatics of the south was only a formality.

On the return trip Country was matched against their old rivals, North Otago.

It was a privilege to be the Sub-Union president at this time and also to be elected to manage this team.

Captained by Alex Wyllie with Doug Bruce as vice-captain, I claim that this team was one of the most talented ever assembled by Country.

Included were three who have worn the All Black jersey, 11 Canterbury A representatives and one New Zealand colt.

Playing Southland Sub-Unions at Gore, we expected a close hard game and the assembled crowd apparently shared our views.

The ground was traditionally heavy but our forwards and backs adopted their play accordingly and we emerged with a 29-12 victory.

The next game was our big test against the powerful Otago Sub-Union's who with a reputation of forward power, this area have always provided the hard core of the Otago and in many cases the All Black packs.

On a good playing surface at Alexander, before a capacity crowd, our team justified the confidence we had in them and after leading 14-6 at half-time, emerged with a 28-10 victory. The team's performance was well received by the Central Otago public.

North Otago at Oamaru was the next and last encounter of the tour. With the pressure off and a much more accomplished team, than expected, North Otago stretched us to a score of 9-6 in our favour.

Bryan Higginson, a young lock forward from Amberley, who was brought into the team at the last minute, was one of the successes of the tour and played in all three games. He has since represented Canterbury.

The touring party was: Nigel Dykes, Grant Taylor, Geoff Ormandy, Alan Fraser, Darcy Palmer, Doug Bruce, Robert Grant, Alex Wyllie, Geoff Henderson, Stewart Cron, Hamish McDonald, Peter Gibson, Barry Thompson, Mike Ryan, Jim Stubbs, Bryan Higginson, John Taylor, John McAuliffe, Ross Rendel, Doug Millar.

Selectors and coaches: Jules Le Leivre and Alan Elsom. Manager: Malcolm Millar.

CANTERBURY RUGBY SUB-UNIONS, 1973

v. Mid-Canterbury, won 19-4; v. Canterbury Maoris, won 23-14; v. Southland Sub-Unions, won 29-12; v. Otago Sub-Unions, won 28-10; v. North Otago, won 9-6; v. West Coast, won 38-12; v. Town lost 24-12.

Back Row: J. A. Stubbs, P. J. Gibson, G. B. Henderson, H. H. McDonald, R. J. Kerr, B. L. Higginson, G. H. Fulton.

Third Row: J. P. McAuliffe, G. E. Taylor, B. L. Henderson, B. A. Thompson, R. M. Wainohu, J. K. Taylor, C. D. Palmer, R. J. M. Millar (manager).

Second Row: M. C. Ryan, J. M. Le Leivre (selector-coach), A. J. Wyllie (captain), O. D. Bruce (v-capt.), A. L. Fraser, A. E. G. Elsom (selector-coach), N. J. Dykes.

Front Row: R. I. Grant, J. M. Ryall, D. J. Millar.

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES

A perusal of this list will confirm the contribution that Canterbury Sub-Unions have made to New Zealand rugby strength.

In some cases country players gained New Zealand honours either before or after being members of a sub-union club. Ian MacRae, one of New Zealand's best mid-field backs in the sixties, played for the Loburn Club senior team at the age of seventeen years. The same year he represented North Canterbury and Country Colts.

Bill Gray, one of the greatest Maori mid-field backs and who played for the All Blacks in 1955 and 1956, was a member of the Tuhiwi Club before he played for the Bay of Plenty and New Zealand.

Peter Johns, an All Black wing three-quarters, early in 1963, was a member of the Lincoln College Club before returning to Taranaki. George Scrimshaw, who toured South Africa with the 1928 All Blacks, was a member of the Cust Club for a time prior to joining the Christchurch Club.

George Mehrtens, a 1928 All Black full back against the touring N.S.W. team, was a native of Rangiora and a member of that club before joining the Old Boys Club in Christchurch. His son, Terry was a junior All Black five-eights and has the distinction of playing against the All Blacks in South Africa in 1970.

Bill Dalley represented New Zealand from 1923 to 1929 as a member of the Old Boys Club in Christchurch. However, he played his early rugby for the Leeston Club, Ellesmere and Country.

Michael O'Callaghan, who played for the All Blacks in 1968 from the Manawatu Union attended the Culverden School and played early rugby for the Culverden Club.

Harold Milliken, a member of that well known Malvern family toured Australia with the 1938 All Blacks but at the time of his selection was a member of the Sunnyside Club in Christchurch.

Alan Robilliard, one of the finest wing three-quarters from 1923 to 1928 and who toured with the All Blacks in 1924 and 1928, was a member of that well known Ashburton rugby family. He played his early football in the Ashburton Sub-Union before joining the Christchurch Club in 1923.

Another point of great interest to all rugby enthusiasts, is that A. G. McCormick, an All Black of 1925, is the father of the immortal Fergie, who has so often been the stumbling block of the Country fifteen in the annual Town v Country match. McCormick senior represented Country in 1925.

Tane Norton, the present All Black hooker, played originally for Hurunui and represented Country many times before being transferred.

Names of Country players who represented New Zealand are as follows:

Milton, E. B. (Rangiora) 1884.
D'Auvergne, E. (Rangiora) 1884.
Helmore, G. H. (Rangiora) 1884.
Balch, W. (Kaiapoi) 1894.
Murray, H. V. (Irwell and Springfield) 1913-14.
McCormick, A. G. (Ashburton) 1923.
McCleary, B. V. (Culverden) 1924.
Page, M. L. (Sheffield) 1928.
Robinson, J. T. (Toby) (Te Kotakitanga, Peninsula) 1928.
Dalzell, G. N. (Culverden) 1953.
Hotop, J. (Lincoln College) 1955.
Buxton, J. B. (Lincoln College) 1955-56.
Hill, S. F. (Burnham) 1955.
Whineray, W. J. (Lincoln College) 1957.
Tremain, K. R. (Lincoln College) 1959-60-61.
Kirkpatrick, I. A. (Rangiora) 1967-68.
Hopkinson, A. E. (Cheviot) 1967-68-69-70.
Wyllie, A. J. (Glenmark) 1970-71-72.
McDonald, H. H. (Oxford) 1972-73-74-75.
Bruce, O. D. (Oxford) 1974.

E. D'Auvergne was selected to tour with the New Zealand team in 1884, but was forced to withdraw prior to the tour.

Several of the players listed, transferred from Town to Country or vice-versa in the course of their playing career and some became All Blacks before or after being associated with Canterbury Country Rugby.

SOUTH ISLAND REPRESENTATIVES

Murray, H. V. 1910-11-13-14.
Page, M. L. 1923.
McCormick, A. G. 1925.
McCleary, B. V. 1923-24.
Robinson, Toby. 1928.
Polson, J. 1935.
Milliken, H. 1936.

Dalzell, N. 1950-51-52.
Hotop, J. 1952-53.
Hill, S. F. 1954-56-57-58-59-60.
McPherson, A. W. C. 1954.
Buxton, J. B. 1956.
Whineray, W. J. 1957.
Le Leivre, J. M. 1960-61-62-63-64-65.
Cochrane, R. G. 1961.
Tremain, K. R. 1961.
Cornelius, N. G. 1966.
Hopkinson, A. E. 1966-67-68-69.
Wyllie, A. J. 1966-67-68-69-70-71-72-73.
Kirkpatrick, I. A. 1968-69.
Bruce, O. D. 1970-71-72-73.

CANTERBURY REPRESENTATIVES

Anderson, C. W. 1957-59.
Anderson, R. 1928.
Averill, R. L. W. 1952.
Bolton, Ivan. 1949.
Bruce, O. D. 1970-71-72-73-74-75.
Buxton, J. B. 1955-56.
Craw, T. 1927.
Calder, J. W. 1922.
Campbell, S. O. 1939.
Carroll, T. 1911.
Carroll, J. H. 1946.
Chapman, A. 1881-82-84-85.
Chapman, E. 1876.
Chapman, E. A. 1949.
Cochrane, R. G. 1953-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62.
Colman, A. 1960.
Comer, R. M. 1946.
Cornelius, N. G. 1963-64-65-66-68.
Cron, S. 1972-73.
Doreen, N. 1922-25-26-27-28.
Dalley, H. 1921-22-24.
Dalley, W. 1921.
Dalzell, G. N. 1948-49-50-51-52-53.
D'Auvergne, B. 1884-85-86-87.
D'Auvergne, C. 1879-80-83.
Davies, L. D. 1953-54.
Balch, W. 1894.
Fincham, H. 1898.
Fincham, J. K. 1953-54.

Fitzgerald, E. 1918-19-20-21-23.
Fitzgerald, W. 1906.
Francis, B. W. 1934.
Francis, J. A. 1962-63-64-66.
Fraser, A. L. 1973-75.
Foster, K. 1924.
Gillespie, J. 1936.
Hay, B.
Harris, R. D. 1951.
Hayman, L. 1934.
Helmore, G. 1880-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88.
Henderson, A. M. 1946-47-49-50-51-52.
Henderson, K. D. 1920-21-22.
Henderson, G. B. 1972.
Hill, S. F. 1950, 1951-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60.
Hotop, J. 1951-52-53-55-60.
Howell, C. 1907-10.
Jordan, B. 1914.
Inness, R. R. 1934-35.
Kirkpatrick, I. A. 1967-68-69.
Langedale-Hunt. 1931.
Le Leivre, J. M. 1956-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65.
Loe, Frank. 1958.
McAuley, C. R. 1950.
McCleary, B. V. 1920-23.
McCormick, A. G. 1924-25-26.
McDonald, H. H. 1969-70-71-72-73-74.
McMillan, D. 1953-56-57.
McNally, Ivan. 1948.
McPherson, A. W. C. 1952-53-54-55.
Malcolm, J. P. 1949.
Mason, R. C. 1908.
Mauger, J. H. 1954.
Maxwell S. 1924.
Miles, B. G. 1946.
Milliken, H. M. 1933,35,36,37,38,39.
Millton, E. B. 1883-84-85-86.
Millton, J. D. 1876-85.
Moffat, R. W. 1955-56-57.
Murray, C. R. 1913-18-19-20-21.
Murray, H. V. 1909-10-11-12-13-14.
Logan, M. 1951.
Ormond, G. 1909-13.
Ormond, A. 1913.
Page, M. L. 1922-23-28.
Patterson, G. D. 1956.
Perkins, M. R. 1967-68-69.
Polson, J. G. 1935.
Pease, W. 1930-31-32.
Pickering, I. 1926-27.

Pyle, R. 1911.
Rainey, J. 1938-39.
Richards, E. H. M. 1948.
Robilliard, A. C. C. 1923.
Robilliard, F. 1898.
Robilliard, J. 1925.
Robilliard, N. 1924.
Robinson, Toby. 1928-29-30.
Robinson, Tom. 1928-31.
Rowland, Colin. 1946-47.
Ryan, Maurice, 1931.
Ryan, Mike. 1973-74.
Stewart, J. D. 1949-50-51.
Sherp, L. A. 1969.
Stringer, T. W. 1875-76-79.
Taylor, H. 1973-74.
Taylor, G. 1973.
Thompson, G. W. 1929-32-34-35.
Thompson, B. A. 1972-73.
Tremain, K. R. 1959-61.
Trollope, R. K. 1945-46.
Vaatau, T. 1939.
Walker, John. 1938-39.
Watkins, E. E. 1933.
Watts, C. N. C. 1938.
Whineray, W. J. 1956-57.
Wyllie, A. J. 1964 to 1975 inclusive.
Waghorn, B. 1925-26.
Waghorn, D. N. 1925.
Waghorn, R. 1922.

Several Country players have had the distinction of being elected to captain Canterbury, however, we could only find a most incomplete list. Those we know of are:

Ken Henderson, Max Henderson, Jules Le Leivre, Alaster Hopkinson, Curley Page, Neil Cornelius, Alex Wyllie and C. R. Murray.

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

It is feared that some players names may not be included in the following list, due to the fact that in many cases the official programme had omitted some names, but I have reason to believe that this list is reasonably accurate.

Abbreviations: * both matches, Wai—Wairarapa, BU—Bush, H—Horowhenia, T—Town, B—Buller, M. Marlborough, GB—Golden Bay-Motueka, MC—Mid-Canterbury, N—Nelson, NO—North Otago,

NSW—New South Wales Country, WC—West Coast, NB—Nelson Bays, SS—Southland Sub-Unions, OS—Otago Sub-Unions.

Alexander, N. GB—1963; Alford. T—1923; Amyes, G. W. T—1954, GB—1954, MC—1954; Anderson, R. T—1927-28-29-34, M—1929, GB—1929; Anderson, C. T—1956-57-58-59-62-63-64, MC—1956-59-60-62-63-64, B—1959-60,N—1960-63, GB—1960-63, NSW—1960, M—1963; Apatu, R. T—1953, NO—1953, T—1954, GB—1954; Archdale, P. T—1954, GB—1954; Armstrong, R. W. T—1938; Arps, V. T—1936-37; Arps, G. T—1938; Atkinson, N. T—1952; Averill, R. T—1953; Bray, G. T—1948-49; Bray, S. WC—1975; Bailey, E. T—1931; Baldwin, T—1921; Barnes, A. GB—1951, B—1951; Barnes, R. T—1950-51-55, GB—1950-51, B—1951, WC—1951, N—1951; Barnes, C. T—1920-23-25; Brooks, W. J. T—1967-69, M—1967, H—1967-69, Wai—1967, NO—1969, MC—1970; Brooks, B. WC—1949; Bell, J. T—1921-22-23; Barrett, L. GB—1950, NO—1950; Bennie, G. T—1966-68, MC—1966-68, M. 1966, NO—1966-68; Birdling, P. T—1920; Bisphan, G. N—1929, M—1929, GB—1929; Black, J. WC—1960, GB—1960, NSW—1960, B—1960, MC—1961; Blackwell, W. T—1907-08; Blakeley, A. A. T—1934; Blomquist, L. T—1932-33; Blunden, L. T—1907-08; Bolton, I. T—1957, B—1957, N—1957, GB—1957; Booth, A. T—1951, OS—1950, NO—1950, WC—1950, B—1951, GB—1951, N—1951; Bowering, N. T—1968, MC—1968, NO—1968; Boyce, I. T—1937; Boyce, M. M—1966-67, NO—1966-68, Wai—1967, H—1967, NO—1969; Brown B. T—1927; Brown, B. H. T—1948, N—1948; Brown, L. T—1909; Bruce, O. D. T—1971-72-73-75, M—1971-72, NB—1972; NO—1972-73, MC—1973, SS—1973-74, OS—1973-74, WC—1973-75; Bunker, C. T—1939; Buckland, W. T—1958; Burgess. T—1910; Burke, A. T—1922; Burrows, W. T—1908-09*; Busch, J. J. T—1930-31-32; Buxton, J. T—1955-56.

Cameron, M. T. 1975, MC—1975, NO—1975, WC—1975; Calder, J. W.T—1920-23; Campbell, J. T—1907; Campbell, S. O. T—1939; Carroll, T. T—1911; Carroll, J. H. T—1946; Carson, A. F. T—1929-31-32; Cashmore, B. T—1956, MC—1956; Chadwick, J. T—1956, B—1959 MC—1959; Chamberlain, J. T—1910; Chambers, J. T—1910; Chapman, E. A. T—1946 to 1949, WC—1947, B—1947, M—1947, N—1948, GB—1947; Chapman, W. T—1953, NO—1953, OS—1953; Clark, Ian T—1974, WC—1974, OS—1974, SS—1974, MC—1974; Childs, C. S. T—1922-23; Childs, S. T—1960, WC—1960, N—1960, GB—1960, B—1960 MC—1960-61, NSW—1960; Chisnall, L. T—1923-24; Clark, M. MC—1966; Coe, R. T—1911; Cochrane, B. MC—1973; Cochrane, R. T—1959-60-61-62, WC—1960, N—1960, GB—1960, MC—1962; Coleman, A. D. T—1959-60-61, MC—1957-59-61, B—1957, M—1957, GB—1957; Collins, P. T—1923; Coleman, R. T—1948; Compton, W. NO—1950; Cone, W. WC—1947, M—1947, GB—1947; Cook, A. L. T—1946-47; Copeland, A. A. T—1936; Cordner, L. T—1907-09; Corrie, A. T—1909; Cornelius, N. G. T—1961 to 1970, MC— 1961 to 1970, M—1963-66-70, GB—1963-65, N—1963-70, NO—1966-68, BU—1967, H—1967, Wai—

1967, WC—1970, B—1970; Crampton, M. T—1948; Craw, R. T—1950-51-52-53, GB—1950-51-54, OS—1950-53, B—1951* WC—1951, M—1951, M—1951, MC—1953-54; Craw, T. T—1926; Crawford, M. T—1970, MC—1970; Croft, M. T—1972, MC—1972; Croft, W. T—1968-69-70, MC—1968-69-70, WC—1970, B—1970, M—1970, N—1970; Crombie, J. T—1920; Cron, S. C. T—1971-73, MC—1971-72-73, M—1971, NO—1972-73, SS—1973, OS—1973; Crothall, J. T—1932, N—1929, M—1929, GB—1929; Culverhouse, J. T—1908; Curnow, P. T—1974-75, OS—1974, SS—1974, MC—1974-75, WC—1973-74; Cunneen, G. H—1969.

Dailey, M. T—1909*; Dalley, H. G. T—1921-22-23-24; Dalley, W. C. T—1921-22-23; Dalley, B. MC—1954; Dansey, E. T—1911; Dalzell, G. N. T—1947-48-49-50-51-52-53, M—1947, N—1948, WC—1949, OS—1950; Davies, L. D. T—1947-52-53-54, N—1948-51, B—1951*, WC—1951, GB—1951-54, M—1951, MC—1953, NO—1953; Davis, H. T—1907; Day, G. T—1926; Deans, C. T—1921; Deans, R. G. T—1939; Deans, P. T—1935; Delaveau, C. T—1964, MC—1963-64, M—1963, GB—1963, N—1963; Dennehy, D. T—1921-23-24-25; Denton, J. T—1937; Denton, K. T—1931; Devlin, F. T—1938-39; Dick, R. D. T—1936; Diedrick, B. T—1924; Doggett, J. T—1963, MC—1963; Donaldson, H. T—1953, NO—1953, OS—1953; Doody, I. T—1965-66-67, MC—1965-66-67, M—1966, NO—1966, BU—1967, H—1967; Doody K. T—1936-37; Dore, L. T—1929, GB—1929; Doreen, N. T—1922; Dunster, G. T—1967-68-70, MC—1966-68-69-70, NO—1966-69, M—1967-70, H—1967-69, Wai—1967, BU—1967, WC—1970, N—1970, B—1970; Dyer, A. T—1910; Dykes, N. T—1969-71-72-73, MC—1969-71-72-73, H—1969, NO—1969-72-73, NB—1972, SS—1973, OS—1973, WC—1973.

Earl, D. B—1951, N—1951; Earl, M. BU—1967, M—1967; Eilken, M. T—1948, N—1948; Ellis, A. F. N—1929, M—1929, GB—1929; Ellison, D. T—1958; Elms, C. T—1926; Evans, P. GB—1972.

Fairbrother, D. T—1925; Faulls, J. T—1927; Feary, M. MC—1954; Fieldwick, T—1909; Ferguson, G. T—1920; Fitlock, C. T—1909*; Fincham, J. K. T—1953-54-55-56-57, GB—1954-57, WC—1957, B—1957, M—1957; Fitzgerald, O. T—1911; Fitzgerald, D. T—1923; Fitzgerald, W. T—1907; Fleming, L. T—1952, OS—1950, NO—1950; Fleming, P. T—1954-59-60, GB—1954-60, MC—1956-59-60, B—1959-60, WC—1960, N—1960, NSW—1960; Fletcher, J. T—1970, MC—1970-71; Ford, B. WC—1970, B—1970, M—1970; Forster, K. MC—1974; Foster, K. T—1921-23-24-26-27-28-29-32, N—1929, M—1929; Fowler, K. T—1955; Fowler, F. T—1967-69-70-71; WC—1967-69-71, M—1967-70, H—1967-69, BU—1967, Wai—1967, NO—1968-69, WC—1970, N—1970; Francis, B. T—1934; Francis, J. T—1962-63-64-65-66-67-70, MC—1962-63-64-65-67-70, N—1960-70, B—1960-70, GB—1965, M—1966-70, NO—1966; Fraser, A. T—1972-73-74-75, MC—

1972-73-74-75, NB—1972, NO—1972-73; SS—1973-74, OS—1973-74, WC—1973-74; Fraser, L. N—1948, WC—1948; Free, J. T—1922; Fryer, R. F. T—1939; Fulton, G. NB—1972; Fulton, R. M—1971.

Gardiner, G. T—1947; Gard'ner, B. T—1968, MC—1966-68, NO—1968; Gard'ner, H. B—1970, N—1970, M—1970, MC—1972, NB—1972; Gardiner, J. T—1959-62-64-65-66, B—1960, MC—1960-62-64-65-66, NSW—1960, M—1966; Garlick, C. WC—1951, B—1951, GB—1951, N—1951, M—1951, MC—1954; Gillingham, J. T—1908; Gilmore, J. T—1908; Gilmore, R. T—1955; Gillespie, J. T—1936; Goodwin, B. T—1949; Gibson, Peter. T—1975, MC—1973, OS—1973; Gordon, W. T—1909; Grant, D. T—1927; Grant, L. T—1936; Grant, Roy. T—1951, GB—1950-51, B—1951, WC—1951, M—1951; Grant, Robin. T—1963, MC—1963, M—1963, GB—1963; Grant, Robert jun. T—1972-74-75, MC—1972-74-75, NB—1972, NO—1972, SS—1973-74, OS—1973-74, WC—1973-74; Green, J. T—1910; Greeg, P. T—1958-59; Grenfell, R. T—1963, MC—1963, N—1963, M—1963, GB—1963; Gunn, Jack. T—1929, M—1929, GB—1929; Gunn, John. T—1958-59-61, WC—1957-60, B—1959-60, MC—1959-60, N—1957-60, GB—1957, M—1957, NSW—1960; Gibson, W. T—1971, MC—1971, M—1971.

Hamilton, Ian. MC—1973; Hampton, J. WC—1951, B—1951, GB—1951, N—1951, M—1951; Hann, R. T—1937; Hanson, C. WC—1949; Harris, Ray. WC—1949, B—1950; Harris, Reg. T—1949-50-51, OS—1950, B—1951; Hart, A. B—1970, N—1970, M—1970; Hartley, H. WC—1947, B—1947, M—1947, GB—1947; Hassell, Brian. T—1953*-55-56-57-58-59, MC—1953-54-56-59, OS—1953, GB—1954-57, WC—1957, M—1957, B—1959; Hay, D. T—1923; Hay, H. B. T—1938-39; Hayman, L. T—1930; Happer, D. MC—1963, GB—1963; Henderson, A. M. T—1946-47-48-49-50-51-52-53, B—1947, N—1948, WC—1947-49, NO—1950-53, MC—1953, OS—1950-53; Henderson, B. WC—1973; Henderson, Geoff B. T—1969-71-72-73-74-75, MC—1969-71-72-73-74-75*, M—1966-67-70, H—1967-69, B—1970, N—1970, NO—1966-68-69-73, WC—1970-73-74-75, NB—1972, SS—1973-74, OS—1973-74; Hayes, Donald. T—1975, MC—1975, NO—1975, WC—1975; Henderson, K. D. T—1921-22; Heslop, Murray. T—1961, WC—1960, GB—1960, B—1960, MC—1960, MC—1960-61, NSW—1960; Heslop, C. E. T—1957-58-59-60-62-67, WC—1957, N—1957-60, M—1957-63, MC—1957-59-60-62, GB—1957-63, B—1957-60, NSW—1960; Hern, E. T—1958; Howantson, J. T—1910; Higinbottom, P. H—1969, NO—1969, MC—1971; Higginson, B. WC—1973-74-75, SS—1973-74, OS—1973-74, NO—1973, T—1974-75, MC—1974-75*; Hills, L. MC—1975; Hill, S. F. T—1954-55; Hokianga, W. NO—1953, OS—1953, MC—1953; Hollow, L. T—1932-33-34; Hooper, R. T—1926; Hopkinson, A. E. T—1963-64-65-66-69-71, GB—1963-65, N—1963, BU—1967, MC—1964-65-67-69-70, M—1963-66-67-71, Wai—1967, NO—1969; Horgan, A. T—1936; Hosking, E. T—1928-31; Hotop, J. 1951-52-60, N—1960, GB—1960; Haughton, G. T—1926; Howartson, Ian. T—1926-28-29-30; Howell, C. T—1907-08-09*-10; Huria, F. T—1920; Hutchinson, T. GB—1963.

Inch, J. T—1959-60, WC—1960, GB—1960, MC—1960; Inglis, G. T—1933; Innes, C. C. T—1927-33-34; Innes, R. R. T—1934-35-36-37; Ironsides, J. T—1924-25.

Jacobs, H. T—1950; Jacobs, J. WC—1947, GB—1947; Jamieson H. T—1935; Jenkins, L. T—1933; Joblin, P. A. T—1957, MC—1956, WC—1957, M—1957, GB—1957; Johns, P. T—1964-65, MC—1964-65; Johnson, G. T—1962, MC—1962; Johnson, P. MC—1956; Johnson, W. T—1952-53, MC—1953; Jones, H. D. T—1920; Jordan, B. S. T—1908-09*-10-11; Jordan, J. T—1935; Jordan, T. T—1928-29, N—1929, M—1929.

Karetai, P. T—1920; Kay, M. B—1947, M—1947, GB—1947; Keane, D. T—1949; Kennedy, F. T—1924-25; Kennedy, D. T—1956, MC—1956; Kerr, R. T—1973, MC—1973; King, D. T—1948; Kingston, S. T—1938; Kinnimouth, P. T—1967, MC—1967-69, M—1967, H—1967-69, BU—1967, Wai—1967, NO—1968-69; Kirkpatrick, I. A. T—1967-69, MC—1967, NO—1969; Kitchen, D. T—1964-65-66, MC—1964-66, M—1966, NO—1966.

Lang, G. T—1920; Laugensen, J. T—1947; Laugeson, L. T—1946-47; Lawson, T. T—1928; Leaky, G. T—1921; Le Compt, J. GB—1950; Le Compt, D. T—1938; Le Compt, O. T—1926; Lee, J. T—1931; Lee, W. MC—1974; Leeming, T—1909; Leith, R. F. T—1924; Lemon, W. T—1907; Lanauze, J. T—1907; Lanauze, R. T—1971, MC—1971; Lindsay, W. T—1930-33; Lochhead, H. T—1937; Le Leivre, J. M. T—1961-62-63-64-65, NO—1953, OS—1953, M—1953, GB—1953, N—1953, MC—1953-62-63-64-65; Loe, Frank. T—1957-58-59-60, MC—1957-59-60-61, WC—1957-60, B—1957-59-60, M—1957, GB—1957-60, N—1960, NSW—1960; Loe, Gordon. T—1957, MC—1956-57, WC—1957, B—1957, N—1957, M—1957, GB—1957; Loffhagen, A. B—1947, M—1947, GB—1947, OS—1950; Loffhagen, J. B—1947, WC—1949; Logan, M. T—1956, B—1957, N—1957; Logan, R. T—1961, MC—1961-63, M—1963, N—1963; Londrigan, C. T—1921; Lord, R. M—1947, B—1947, WC—1947, GB—1947; Low, J. P. T—1929-30, N—1929; Lowe, K. B. T—1952; Lundy, L. G. T—1961, MC—1961, GB—1957, M—1957, N—1957, B—1957, WC—1957.

Mackle, M. T—1934-35; Mann, J. T—1930; Manning, A. T—1927; Manson, A. T—1950; Manson, N. GB—1965, M—1966; Marshall, G. T—1953*, NO—1953, OS—1953, MC—1953; Marshall, M. MC—1956; Mason, R. C. T—1908-09*-10-20; Mason, V. T—1927-29; Martin, E. T—1911; Martin, E. N—1948; Masefield, D. T—1949, WC—1947-49, B—1947, M—1947, GB—1947; Masefield, R. T. 1932-34-35; Mason, A. T—1909; Matson, K. T—1921; Mauger, J. H. T—1953-54, OS—1953, GB—1954; Maxwell, B. T—1967, BU—1967, MC—1967, H—1967, GB—1965; Maxwell, N. T—1935-36-37; Maxwell, S. T—1922-24-25-28-29, N—1929, M—1929, GB—1929; McAslin, D. I. T—1957, MC—1957, GB—1957, N—1957, WC—1957; McAuley, C. MC—1954;

McAuliffe, J. T—1973, MC—1973, NO—1973; McAuliffe, D. WC—1949; McBreen, N. T—1966, MC—1966, NO—1966; McCormick, A. T—1925; McCormick, I. MC—1959; McDonald, T. T—1930; McDonald G. T—1907; McDonald, H. H. T—1967-68-69-72-73-74, M—1967-71, H—1967-69, NO—1968-69-72-73, MC—1968-69-71, SS—1974, OS—1973-74, WC—1973-74; McDonald, W. T—1963; McFarlane, B. T—1959-62-63, MC—1962-63; McGrath, K. B. T—1950; McHugh, J. T—1910; McKay, J. GB—1929; McKeegan, C. T—1911; McKenzie, G. T—1907-10; McKenzie, K. A. T—1958, MC—1956-57-59, B—1957-59, N—1957; McIlraith, A. B—1970, N—1970; McIntosh, C. T—1927-30-31-33, M—1929, GB—1929; McLaughlin, Gibb. T—1937-46; McLean, A. T—1946-47; McLean, E. T—1938; McLean, J. T—1951-52-53*-54-55, GB—1950-51-54, OS—1950-53, NO—1950-53, WC—1949, B—1951*, MC—1953-54, M —1951; McLeod, I. MC—1954; McMeekan, R. T—1924-25; McMeekan, A. T—1909*; McMillan, J. T—1910; McMillan, A. T—1937; McMillan, D. C. T—1953*-55-56-57-58-59, NO—1953, MC—1953-54-57-59, B—1959; McMillan, P. T—1931; McNally, Ivan. T—1948, N—1948, WC—1947-49, GB—1950, OS—1950, GB—1947; McPherson, A. W. C. T—1952-53*-54-55-56-57, MC—1956, B—1951*-57, GB—1951-54-57, N—1951-57, M—1951, WC—1951-57; McRae, D. T—1968, M—1967, H—1967, BU—1967, Wai—1967, MC—1968; Meikle, A. T—1920-25; Meyer, F. T—1962-63-64-65, M—1963, N—1963, GB—1965, MC—1962-63-65; Miles, B. G. T—1937-38-39-46; Miles, P. T—1946; Milliken, H. T—1933-34-35; Milliken, L. N—1929, M—1929, GB—1929; Millan, D. MC—1973, NO—1973; Millan, G. R. T—1958, B—1957-59, N—1957, M—1957, MC—1959; Milliken, L. T—1939; Mitchell, T. 1933-34; Mitchell, C. T—1961, MC—1961; Mitchell, S. MC—1954-56, T—1959-60, B—1959-60, NSW—1960; Mitchell, W. T—1959, MC—1959, B—1959; Miller, W. C. T—1925; Moffatt, R. T—1954-55-56, GB—1954; Moore, A. T—1908-11; Moore, M. T—1911; Moore, W. T—1930; Morrison, R. T—1957, MC—1957, B—1957, N—1957; Mortimer, N. T—1953; Mould, D. WC—1947-49, T—1948-49-50, B—1947, M—1947, GB—1947; Murray, C. R. T—1921; Murray, E. V. T—1957, MC—1956-57, WC—1957, B—1957, W—1957, N—1957, M—1957, GB—1957; Murray, H. V. T—1907-08-09-10-11; Musson, N. T—1932-33.

Newton, F. T—1937; Nicholson, H. T—1960, WC—1960, N—1960, GB—1960; Nimmo, J. T—1953-54, NO—1953, GB—1953; Noonan, J. T—1956, MC—1956-57; Norton, B. T—1930; Norton, T. T—1963-64, MC—1963-64, M—1963, GB—1963, N—1963.

O'Brien, B. T—1938; O'Connor, A. T—1932; O'Malley, P. WC—1957, B—1957, MC—1959, M—1957, GB—1957; Ormond, A. T—1911; Ormond, G. T—1908-09; Ormond, R. T—1931; Ormandy, G. T—1972-73, M—1971, MC—1971-72-73, NB—1972, NO—1972, SS—1973, WC—1973; Ogg, R. T—1975, MC—1975*, WC—1975; O'Neill, C. MC—1975; Orr, P. L. T—1907.

Page, M. L. T—1922-24-25-28, N—1929, M—1929, GB—1929; Palmer, C. T—1956; Palmer, D. T—1970-71-73-74, MC—1970-71-73-74, WC—1970-73, B—1970, N—1970, M—1970-71, SS—1973-74, OS—1973-74, NO—1973; Palmer, L. T—1920; Parsons, G. T—1947, WC—1947, B—1947, M—1947, N—1948, GB—1947; Patrick, M. W. T—1937; Patterson, G. T—1951-53*-54-55, B—1951, WC—1951, N—1951, OS—1953, NO—1953, MC—1953-54-57, GB—1954; Patrick, M. T—1935; Patterson, M. T—1950-51, GB—1950, OS—1950, NO—1950, B—1951, WC—1951, GB—1951, N—1951; Patterson, R. T—1908-09; Paulson, J. T—1936; Peach, M. T—1953*, WC—1951, N—1951, NO—1953, OS—1953, MC—1953; Pease, W. T—1932; Pengelly, J. T—1907; Perkins, B. T—1961, MC—1960-61, GB—1960, WC—1960, B—1960, NSW—1960; Perkins, M. T—1965-66-68-69-71-72, MC—1965-66-67-68-69-71-72, GB—1965, M—1966-67-70-71, H—1967-69, BU—1967, NO—1966-68-69-72, Wai—1967, WC—1970, Bn1973, NB—1972; Perry, R. T—1947, WC—1947, B—1947, M—1947, GB—1947; Peter, Brian. T—1965-66, MC—1966; Peter, Ron. MC—1957; Phelan, R. T—1967-68, MC—1967-68, M—1967, H—1967, BU—1967, Wai—1967; Pickering, I. T—1952-53-54; B—1951*, M—1951, OS—1953, NO—1953, MC—1953-54, GB—1954; Pickering, R. T—1948, N—1948; Pickering, J. T—1926-27-28; Pitama, J. T—1911; Pluck, A. T—1960-61, WC—1960, B—1959, N—1960, GB—1960, NSW—1960; Polson, J. T—1934; Pool, B. B—1959; Pottinger, P. MC—1960; Prenderville, J. T—1926; Prenderville, W. T—1929-30, N—1929, M—1929, GB—1929; Priest, A. T—1930; Pyle, R. W. T—1911; Palley, M. H—1969, NO—1969.

Quigley, F. T—1922; Rainey, J. T—1937-38-39; Rankin, R. T—1946; Rathgen, M. T—1951, B—1951, WC—1951, N—1951, M—1951, MC—1954; Rattray, T. T—1909*; Reeves, J. H. T—1939; Reid, C. M—1963, GB—1963, N—1963; Reid, M. (Bill). MC—1962-63-64-65, T—1962-63-64, M—1963, GB—1963, N—1963; Rendell, R. MC—1973, NO—1973; Rennie, Jas. T—1908; Richards, A. B—1947, M—1947, GB—1947; Richards, E. H. (Toby). T—1946-48-49-50-51-52, WC—1947-51, B—1947, M—1947-51, N—1948-51, NO—1950, GB—1950-51-57, B—1951*; Richards, H. F. WC—1949, B—1951, GB—1951, N—1951, M—1951; Richards, D. S. T—1958-60, MC—1957, 60-61, N—1957-60, WC—1957-60, M—1957, GB—1957-60, B—1960, NSW—1960; Rikys, R. T—1960; Robilliard, J. T—1925-26; Robilliard, N. T—1924; Robinson, B. N—1948, Robinson, G. T—1949; Robinson, Toby. T—1926-27-28-30-31; Robinson, Tom. T—1928-30-31-32-33-34; Robinson, T. T—1952, B—1951, N—1951, M—1951, NO—1953; Rogers, M. T—1938; Rogers, W. T—1937; Ropata, R. WC—1949; Ross, N. T—1932; Rowland, Colin. T—1946-47-49-51, WC—1947, B—1947, M—1947, GB—1947; Ryan, A. T—1924; Ryan, John. T—1935; Ryan, Maurice. T—1930-31; Ryan, Mike. T—1971-72-73-74-75, M—1971, MC—1972-73-74-75, NB—1972, NO—1972-73, SS—1973-74, OS—1973-74, WC—1973-74-75.

Sanders, H. T—1935; Saundercock, C. T—1935; Saundercock, L. T—1937-39; Searle, J. T—1935; Scherp, A. WC—1960, N—1960, GB—1960, B—1960, MC—1960, NSW—1960; Scott, W. T—1966-68-69-70, MC—1966-68-69-70, M—1967-70, Wai—1967, H—1967, H—1967-69, BU—1967, NO—1968-69, WC—1970, NB—1972, N—1970; Shand, T. T—1931; Sheehan, M. J. T—1960-61-62-65 to 69, N—1960-70, WC—1960-70, MC—1960-61-62-65-66-67-68-69-70, NSW—1960, H—1967, GB—1960-65, M—1966-67-70, NO—1966-68, BU—1967, Wai—1967, B—1970; Sheehan, P. T—1970, NO—1968, H—1969, MC—1970, WC—1970, B—1970, N—1970, M—1970; Sherwin, R. T—1931, Skinner, G. J. MC—1962, T—1962; Sloss, R. B—1959, MC—1959, Smith, B. T—1956, Smith, F. T—1953; Smith, I. T—1938; Smith, J. N—1929, M—1929; Smith, M. GB—1950, OS—1950, NO—1950; Smith, R. T—1962-64, MC—1962-66; Smith, V. T—1928; Symthe, G. T—1909*; Smart, J. T—1921; Snellex, W. T. T—1953-54-56-58, OS—1953, MC—1953-56; Stackhouse, J. T—1933-36; Stephens, S. F. T—1949-50, WC—1949, GB—1950, OS—1950, NO—1950; Sowden, J. T—1970-71-72, MC—1970-72, WC—1970, N—1970, NO—1972; Stewart, J. D. T—1949, WC—1947, B—1947, M—1947, GB—1947; Stewart, J. G. T—1958, Stewart, P. T—1925; Stewart, J. R. T—1957, WC—1957, B—1957, N—1957, M—1957; Stewart, R. T—1924; Stewart, D. T—1975, MC—1975, WC—1975; Stills, C. T—1922; Strang, J. T—1961, MC—1961; Stone, A. T—1936; St. George, C. T—1923; Stringer, E. T—1939; Stubbs, J. T—1972-73-74-75, NB—1972, NO—1972-73-75, MC—1973-74-75, SS—1973-74, OS—1973-74, WC—1973-74-75; Sutherland, N. T—1956.

Taylor, H. NB—1972, MC—1974-75, WC—1974-75; Taiaroa, R. MC—1959-60, N—1960-63, B—1960, M—1963; Tainui, G. T—1911; Tainui, T. T—1909-10, Taylor, G. T—1971-72-73, M—1971, MC—1972-73, NB—1972, NO—1972-73, SS—1973, OS—1973; Taylor, J. T—1972-74, WC—1970-73-74-75, B—1970, N—1970, M—1970-71, MC—1971-72-74-75, NB—1972, NO—1972-73, OS—1973-74, SS—1973-74; Twaddle, Keith. MC—1974-75, WC—1974; Thomas, E. T—1922; Thomas, N. T—1948-50, N—1948, MC—1949, GB—1950, OS—1950, NO—1950; Thompson, B. T—1971-72-73-74-75, WC—1970-73-74-75, B—1970, M—1970-71. MC—1971-72-73-74-75, NO—1972-73-75, OS—1973-74, SS—1973-74; Thompson, G. T—1928-29-31-32-35-36; Thompson, W. J. T—1961, MC—1961; Tierney, P. T—1952; Tiffing, J. T—1907; Tod, D. . T—1960; Tothill, T. W. C. T—1921; Trainor, I. T—1932; Tremain, K. T—1961; Trevella, B. T—1960; Trist, B. T—1934; Trollope, R. T—1946-47; Tuanui, H. GB—1950; Tuhuru, R. GB—1963, N—1963, M—1963.

Ussher, P. N. T—1939-46; Vaatua, T. T—1938; Vaughan, P. T—1935; Vavasour, P. T—1970, MC—1970, WC—1970; Virtue, W. T—1908.

Waghorn, B. T—1923-25; Waghorn, C. T—1926-27; Waghorn, N. T—1925-26; Waghorn, R. T—1922; Waghorn, Ray. T—1974, MC—1974, OS—1973, SS—1973, WC—1974; Wainahu, R. T—1971, MC—

1971, M—1971, WC—1973; Walker, J. T—1909; Walker, John. T—1938-39; Walker, K. T—1957-58, MC—1957, M—1957, WC—1957, GB—1957; Walshe, P. T—1968; Wards, R. T—1965-66-68-69, MC—1964-65-66-68-69, GB—1965, M—1966, NO—1966; Ware. T—1910; Waterland, R. H. T—1947; Watkins, Charlie. T—1936-37; Watkins, Evan. T—1933; Watson, C. R. T—1927-28-29, N—1929, M—1929, GB—1929; Watts, C. N. C. T—1938; Wheeler, T. T—1926-27-28-29; Whineray, W. J. T—1956; Wilding, F. T—1955, WC—1951, B—1951, MC—1954, GB—1951, M—1951; Williams, M. T—1949-50-51, W—1949-51, GB—1950-51, OS—1950, NO—1950, B—1951, N—1951, M—1951; Williams, E. P. T—1911; Williamson, J. T—1927-29, N—1929, GB—1929, M—1929; Williams, C. N—1929; Wilson, C. M. C. T—1932-33-34; Wilson, J. T—1955; Wilson, John. B—1951; Wilson, D. B. MC—1957, B—1957, N—1957; Withell, Norman. T—1927; Wright, A. T—1922; Wright, G. T—1950, OS—1950, NO—1950, N—1948; Wright Q. T—1921-24; Wyllie, David. T—1962-63-64-65-66-67-68-70, MC—1962 to 1968-70, M—1963-66-67, GB—1963-65, N—1963, NO—1966, H—1967, Wai—1967; Wyllie, Alex. T—1963 to 1970 and 1972 to 1975, MC—1963-64-65-67 to 1975, M—1963-66-67-71, GB—1963-65, N—1963, NO—1966-68-72-73-75, H—1967-69, BU—1967, Wai—1967, NB—1972, SS—1973-74, OS—1973-74; Wyllie, Donald. T—1969, GB—1965, MC—1969, NO—1969; Wyllie, Stewart. T—1969-70, MC—1967-69-70, GB—1965, NO—1966, H—1969.

CANTERBURY RUGBY SUB-UNION ASSOCIATION
UNDER 18 REPRESENTATIVES — 1970

Back Row: H. G. Taylor (captain), L. A. Hay, A. M. Ross, G. E. Seath, R. S. Parsons, G. A. Ramsay, D. J. Stewart, J. A. Dobbs, D. B. Boyd, C. J. Twose (selector), N. Twose (manager), R. L. Hay (selector).
Front Row: R. P. Browman (vice-captain), D. O. Miles, W. G. Cameron, J. H. Thompson, P. F. Ainsworth, A. L. Fraser, M. D. Payne, P. F. Laffey, J. L. Clark, L. A. Dunn.

RELATIONSHIPS

Arps, V. and Arps, G. (cousins); Brankin, T. H. and Brankin, J. J. (brothers); Boyce, Ivan and Boyce, Martin (father and son); Croft, Warwick and Croft, M. (cousins); Craw, T. and Craw, Rex (uncle and nephew); Dalley, H. G., Dalley, W. C. (brothers); Dalley, B. (son of H. G.); Doody, K. and Doody, Ian (father and son); Deans, C., Deans, P., Deans, Robin (uncle and nephews); Fraser, L. and Fraser, A. (uncle and nephew); Fulton, Rod and Fulton, Gordon (brothers); Eaglesome, Warren and Eaglesome, Allan (brothers); Grant, Roy and Grant, Robert jnr (uncle and nephew); Gunn, Jack and Gunn, John (father and son); Henderson, K. D. and Henderson, A. M. (father and son); Harris, Ray and Harris, Reg (brothers); Heslop, Colin and Heslop, Murray (brothers); Jordan, T. and Jordan, J. (brothers); Loe, Frank and Loe, Gordon (brothers); Lassen, G. A. and Lassen, L. A. (father and son); Loffhagen, A. and Loffhagen, J. (brothers); Logan, Murray and Logan, Ross (brothers); Manson, A. and Manson, N. (uncle and nephew); Masefield, D. and Masefield, R. (brothers); Maxwell, S. and Maxwell, B. (father and son); McCormick, A. and McCormick, I. (uncle and nephew, A. McCormick, father of Fergie); McLaughlin, W. and McLaughlin, Gibb (father and son); McMillan, D. C. and McMillan, R. L. A. (brothers); McMillan, Peter and McMillan, A. (brothers), and all four McMillans are cousins; Milliken, L. and Milliken, H. (uncle and nephew); Millar, Geoff and Millar, Doug (cousins); Miles, P. Miles, R. G. (brothers); Millar, R. J. M. and Millar, G. R. G. (father and son); Miller, W. C., Miller, F.J. (brothers); Miller, S. C. (son of W. C.); Murray, H. V. and Murray, C. R. (brothers; Murray, E. V. (son of H. V.); Norton, B. and Norton, Tane (father and son); O'Callaghan, D. and O'Callaghan, M. (father and son); Patterson, G. and Patterson, M. (brothers); Prenderville, J. and Prenderville, W. (brothers) Perkins, B. and Perkins, M. (brothers; sons of Mr C. Perkins, first Secretary of C.R.S.U.); Peter, R. and Peter, B. (brothers); Reid, C. and Reid, M. (brothers); Saundercock, H., Saundercock, L. and Saundercock, C. (father and sons); Richards, Toby and Richards, A. (brothers), Richards, H. F. (cousin); Robilliard, J. and Robilliard, N. (brothers); Rowland, J. and Rowland, C. V. (father and son); Robinson, Toby and Robinson, Tom (brothers), Robinson, B. (son of Tom); Ryan, J. and Ryan, Maurice (cousins); Sheehan, J. and Sheehan, P. (cousins); Waterland, F. and Waterland, H. (father and son); Waghorn, B., Waghorn, C., Waghorn, N. (brothers, Waghorn, R. (cousin), Waghorn, Ray (third generation, direct descendant); Watkins, Evan and Watkins, Charles (brothers); Wright, Q. and Wright, G. (father and son); Wyllie, David, Wyllie, Donald, Wyllie, Stewart (brothers), Wyllie, Alex (cousin).

OUR RUGBY GREAT

Although we must hesitate to single out players and make comparisons over a period of seven decades, there would be very few of our enthusiasts who would not agree that performances and records available to us, clearly indicate the outstanding contribution that certain players have made to the game, at Country level, Canterbury level and as internationals.

I put this question to Mr Ken Henderson. Who in his opinion was the finest player that had played in Country?

Without much hesitation, he gave the nod to Harold Murray. Mr Henderson hastened to inform me that the late Mr Murray was his brother-in-law, but this relationship plus the fact that Mr Henderson and Mr Murray played in a similar era, gave Mr Henderson the advantage when assessing the qualities of this great utility player.

An All Black in 22 matches for New Zealand in 1913-14, as a side row or wing forward. In the five matches he played for Country against Town, he played fullback, wing three-quarter, centre, five-eights and wing forward. He played for the Irwell and Springfield Clubs.

When I asked how he compared with Alex Wyllie, Mr Henderson indicated his great admiration for Wyllie, but he said they did differ in type of player, where Wyllie was big and strong, Murray, although very strong, elected not to use his strength in barging runs, but relied on mobility about the field and he was recognised as one of the finest tacklers the game has known.

Our All Blacks and top Canterbury representatives have a permanent place in our history, but there have been many others whose contribution to Country rugby has been tremendous.

Injuries to some players of great promise forced them from the scene. Many of us remember outstanding players before World War II, who, for one reason or another did not appear on the scene again.

A perusal of the record of Country players and the number of years they played will illume many facts.

PRESIDENTS OF COUNTRY

1935-38: Mr H. Saundercock (Hurunui.
1938-56: Mr C. W. McKeegan (Hurunui).
1957-59: Mr F. J. Foley (North Canterbury).

1960-66: Mr R. D. Catherwood (North Canterbury).
1967-70: Mr M. R. Barnett (Ellesmere).
1971-72: Mr F. J. Shadbolt (Hurunui).
1973-74: Mr R. J. M. Millar (North Canterbury).
1975: Mr H. D. Baylis (Ellesmere).

SECRETARIES OF COUNTRY

1935-47: Mr C. H. Perkins.
1948-59: Mr W. A. Hadlee.
1960-66: Mr F. J. Foley.
1967-71: Mr G. A. Knight.
1972-: Mr K. C. Taylor.

REFEREES ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Officers for 1961—President: M. R. Barnett; Vice-President: M. Livingstone; Secretary: N. Chapple.

1962—President: M. R. Barnett; Vice-President: M. R. Livingstone; Secretary: W. A. Eaglesome.

1963—President: M. Livingstone; Vice-President: B. Hoban; Secretary: W. Eaglesome.

1964—President: B. Hoban; Vice-President: R. Stevenson; Secretary: W. Eaglesome.

1965—President: R. Stevenson; Vice-President: G. Tobeck; Secretary: W. Eaglesome.

1966—President: R. Stevenson; Vice-President: G. Tobeck; Secretary: W. Eaglesome.

1967—President: G. Tobeck; Vice-President: W. Eaglesome; Secretary: G. Millar.

1968—President: G. Tobeck; Vice-President: W. Eaglesome; Secretary: G. Millar.

1969—President: W. Eaglesome; Vice-President: B. Kidd; Secretary: G. Millar.

1970—President: W. Eaglesome; Vice-President: B. Kidd; Secretary: G. Millar.

1971—President: B. Kidd; Vice-President: S. Miller; Secretary: T. Wilson.

1972—President: S. Miller; Vice-President: H. Gray; Secretary: T. Wilson.

1973—President: S. Miller; Vice-President: H. Gray; Secretary: T. Wilson.

1974—President: H. Gray; Vice-President: G. Millar; Secretary: P. Thompson.

1975—President: H. Gray; Vice-President: G. Millar; Secretary: K. Broadfoot.

JUNIOR ADVISORY BOARD OFFICERS

The first meeting was conveyed by Mr D. H. Campbell, on July 20, 1961, to arrange the formation of a Sub-Union's Junior Advisory Board.

Delegates present were: T. H. Evans and D. H. Campbell, Malvern; W. N. Dunlop, Ellesmere; D. H. Ussher and T. Aldridge, Peninsula; H. E. Young, North Canterbury. Mr D. H. Campbell was elected Chairman.

August 10, 1961—Present: D. Campbell, chairman; H. Young, secretary; W. Dunlop, D. O'Callaghan, H. D. Baylis, A. Alleyne, E. J. Pankhurst.

1962—D. O'Callaghan, acting chairman. H. Young, secretary. W. Dunlop, H. Baylis, R. Ruffle, D. Ussher, L. John, W. Wall.

1963, first annual meeting—Chairman, D. H. Campbell, Malvern; vice-chairman, M. O'Callaghan, Hurunui; secretary, H. Young, North Canterbury. Present: R. Ruffle, North Canterbury; R. Moir and H. Baylis, Ellesmere; H. Evans, Malvern; E. Hughes, Hurunui.

1964—Present: D. Campbell, Malvern; L. Carpenter and L. Johns, Peninsula; L. Ashworth and N. Alderson, North Canterbury; D. O'Callaghen, Hurunui; H. Young, secretary, North Canterbury. Elections: Chairman: D. O'Callaghen, Hurunui.

1965—Present: D. O'Callaghen, Hurunui; H. Baylis and R. Moir, Ellesmere; W. J. Walker and K. Grant, Malvern; L. Ashworth and J. McCallum, North Canterbury; L. Johns and T. Morgan (secretary), Peninsula.

Elections: Chairman, D. O'Callaghen, Hurunui; vice-chairman, R. Moir, Ellesmere.

1966—Present: D. O'Callaghen, R. Moir, L. Carpenter, Ellesmere; K. Grant, J. Dawson, D. Campbell, Malvern; H. White and L. Ashworth, North Canterbury; J. Black and L. Johns, Peninsula.

Elections: Chairman, R. Moir, Ellesmere; vice-chairman, L. Johns, Ellesmere; delegate to C.R.S.U., R. Moir; secretary, H. White, North Canterbury.

1967—Present: R. Moir and A. Prendergast, Ellesmere; J. Howse and L. Ashworth, North Canterbury; J. Black and L. Johns, Peninsula; K. Grant and J. Dawson, Malvern.

Elections: Chairman, R. Moir, Ellesmere.

Recommendation to C.R.S.U. annual meeting, that the number of delegates from each sub-union be increased from 2 to 4.

1968—Present: R. Moir, L. Johns, J. Dawson, A. Prendergast, Ellesmere Combined; N. Twose, C. Inch, D. McGiffert, Hurunui; P. Brady, J. Tavendale, T. Johns, North Canterbury; M. R. Barnett, President C.R.S.U.

Elections: Chairman, L. Johns, Ellesmere; vice-chairman, N. Twose, Hurunui; secretary, T. Jones, North Canterbury; delegate to C.R.S.U., L. Johns.

1969—Present: L. Johns, J. Dawson, A. Prendergast, Ellesmere; N. Twose, D. McGiffert, C. Inch, Hurunui; J. Tavendale, P. Brady, J. Loffhagen, R. Hay, North Canterbury.

Elections: Chairman, L. Johns; vice-chairman, N. Twose; secretary, A. G. Bisphen be approached to fill the position. Records fail to show that a secretary was appointed that year.

1970—Present: P. Brady, R. Hay, J. Loffhagen, J. McNally, North Canterbury; N. Twose, D. McGiffert, B. Hassall (proxy), Hurunui; J. Dawson, K. Grant, L. Johns, Ellesmere.

Elections: Chairman, N. Twose; vice-chairman, R. Hay; delegate C.R.S.U., N. Twose; secretary, J. Taylor. Mr L. Johns was elected an ex-officio to the J.A.B. Board in recognition for his services.

1971—Present: R. Hay, J. Loffhagen, W. Stone, North Canterbury; J. Maw, J. Dawson, B. Bray, Ellesmere; N. Twose, D. McGiffert, B. Hassell, Hurunui.

Elections: Chairman, N. Twose; vice-chairman, R. Hay; secretary, J. Taylor; delegate C.R.S.U., N. Twose.

1972—Present: B. Hassall, D. McGiffert, N. Twose, C. Smith, Hurunui; J. Dawson, M. Dawson, J. Hix, J. Maw, Ellesmere; J. McNally, T. Burnett, R. Hay, J. Loffhagen, North Canterbury.

Elections: Chairman, R. Hay; vice-chairman, D. McGiffert.

1973—Present: N. Twose, B. Hassall, D. McGiffert, Hurunui; T. Burnett, J. Loffhagen, J. McNally, R. Hay, North Canterbury; J. Hix, B. Bray, G. Bisphan, Ellesmere; Secretary, M. G. Cowens, North Canterbury.

Elections: Chairman, R. Hay; vice-chairman, D. McGiffert; secretary, M. Cowens; delegate C.R.S.U., R. Hay.

1974—Present: J. Loffhagen, R. McNally, R. Hay, J. Rivers, North Canterbury; D. McGiffert, B. Hassall, P. Hide, Hurunui; J. Hix, B. Bray, J. Maw, G. Inch, Ellesmere; Mr R. J. Miller C.R.S.U. present.

Elections: Chairman, D. McGiffert; vice-chairman, J. Maw, secretary, M. Cowens; delegate C.R.S.U., D. McGiffert.

1975—Present: R. Hay, J. Loffhagen, J. McNally, B. Lemon, M. Cowens, North Canterbury; B. Bray, J. Maw, W. Boyce, R. Redmond, Ellesmere; D. McGiffert, N. Twose, B. Hassall, M. Fitzgibbon, Hurunui.

Elections: Chairman, D. McGiffert; vice-chairman, J. Maw; secretary, M. Cowens; delegate C.R.S.U., D. McGiffert.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF COUNTRY RUGBY

I feel that the future of Country rugby demands similar optimism as was apparent 50 years ago.

It is true that the number of clubs affiliated today, only represents about sixty per cent of the number in 1925, and with a population increase of one hundred per cent, it would appear to those who do not study statistics that the game is on the back foot. However, to those more concerned with the administration of clubs and sub-unions, we see the position in a different light.

True, we do not see a predominance of rugby played at schools. This is in no way pernicious, as we now have highly organised Junior Advisory Board supporting a most sophisticated national coaching scheme. This gives us uniformity of methods employed by our top coaching officials.

To have strong competition from opposition sports is not all bad, it serves the purpose of providing those only half hearted about our code of rugby union, an opportunity to participate in some other sport.

To attempt to coach players not enthusiastic, tends to erode the whole purpose of the exercise.

The alarming drop out of players which occurs between the ages of sixteen to nineteen years, is consistent throughout the Domin-

ion. On the credit side the position is that most players who survive this period possess rugby ability, and their enthusiasm ultimately provides a higher standard of senior player. This standard I refer to, includes character, self-discipline and good sportsmanship—a combination that is a formula most necessary to develop a rugby club, a rugby team and above all desirable citizenship.

The present day strength of our representative senior team and the success we have experienced against Unions affiliated to the N.Z. R.U., is inclined to lead some officials, players and supporters to believe that we should seek affiliation with the New Zealand Union. A thorough analysis of our position should put paid to any such decision.

A perusal of the records of the C.R.U. over the past twenty years provides tangible evidence that our players are receiving maximum consideration from the selectors and officials of the Union.

One does not have to scrutinise the national scene too long to realise the plight of many of our minor unions.

With our top players competing in a major Province, they immediately gain the advantage of recognition for top honours. A perfect example of this claim is the Mid-Canterbury Union. Since becoming detached from the Canterbury Sub-Unions in 1927, Mid-Canterbury has only produced one All Black, during the same period, Canterbury Country has had fourteen players selected to wear the silver fern.

It is a fact that over the past twenty years the consideration given to the Sub-Unions by the C.R.U. leaves little to be desired. The President and Executive of the Union have always allowed the Country Executive the utmost flexibility in the administration of its own affairs.

The motto that "If Country is strong, Canterbury is strong" is one that is applicable to the present position.

ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATES

1935—Peninsula: V. Craw; Ellesmere: D. Ryan, F. J. Miller; North Canterbury: W. Candy, H. Sheldon; Hurunui: H. Rogers, H. Saundercock; Malvern: Rev. Theo. Patterson. H. Saundercock was elected chairman and C. Perkins was appointed secretary with Dr Dickson as treasurer.

1936—H. Saundercock, chairman; Hurunui: W. Mockett, J. Inch, C. McKeegan; Ellesmere: F. J. Miller; North Canterbury: W. H. Candy, A. Burke; Malvern: R. McMeekan, C. Saundercock, M. Millan, Rev. Patterson. Dr Dickson. treasurer; C. Perkins, secretary.

1937—H. Saundercock, chairman; Hurunui: W. Mockett, C. McKeegan; Ellesmere: F. J. Miller, J. W. Calder; North Canterbury:

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v. Town, lost 14-10. v. Mid-Canterbury, won 17-15.

Back Row: G. Le Pine (vice-captain), A. Nurse (captain), B. Higginson, M. McNally, A. Busch, K. Harmer, G. Hewett, A. Gillanders, R. Waghorn, W. Partridge, F. Loe (manager), C. Burrows (selector), E. Le Pine (selector).
Front Row: B. Musgrove, C. Dampier-Crossley, J. Burrows, G. Clayton, B. Dunbar, J. Clark, P. Browman, M. Grant, D. Cumming, P. Kidd, J. Fleming.

A. Burke, W. H. Candy, N. Reuben, C. Robb; Malvern: C. Saundercock, Rev. Patterson; Peninsula: V. Craw. Dr Dickson, treasurer; C. Perkins, secretary.

1938—H. Saundercock, chairman; Hurunui: W. Mockett, W. J. McMillan, C. McKeegan; Ellesmere: F. J. Miller, J. W. Calder; North Canterbury: W. H. Candy, J. T. M. Piki, J. Rowland, A. Cameron; Malvern: R. W. McMeekan, R. G. Deans; Peninsula: T. Masefield, V. Craw. C. Perkins, secretary.

1939—H. Saundercock, chairman; Hurunui: C. McKeegan, W. J. McMillan, W. Mockett; Ellesmere: W. McLachlan, J. O'Grady, F. J. Miller, H. Dalley; North Canterbury: C. Robb, J. Rowland, J. T. M. Piki; Malvern: Apology for non attendance of delegates; Peninsula: V. Craw, T. Robinson, H. Chapman. C. Perkins, secretary.

1940—H. Saundercock, chairman; Hurunui: C. McKeegan, W. Mockett; Ellesmere: W. McLachlan, Dr W. E. Hart, C. Turner; North Canterbury: W. Boyce, J. Rowland; Malvern: J. Coffey, C. Saundercock, C. King, R. W. McMeekan; Peninsula: E. Weir, C. Perkins, secretary.

1941—C. McKeegan, chairman: Hurunui: W. Mockett; Ellesmere: W. McLachlan; North Canterbury: J. Pickering; Malvern: J. Coffey, J. F. Lowery, Rev. F. G. Calder; Peninsula: Apology. C. Perkins, secretary; Dr Dickson, treasurer.

1945—C. McKeegan, chairman; Hurunui: H. Saundercock; Ellesmere: C. E. Watkins, C. J. Woods, T. M. Wheeler; North Canterbury: W. Boyce, F. Waterland; Malvern: J. Coffey, C. King, Rev. Calder. C. Perkins, secretary.

1946—C. McKeegan, chairman; Hurunui: S. Maxwell, W. S. Hogg, H. Saundercock; Ellesmere: T. M. Wheeler, L. P. McCloy; North Canterbury: L. Hawkins, F. Waterland, R. D. Catherwood, F. J. Foley. C. Perkins, secretary.

1947—C. McKeegan, chairman: Hurunui: S. Maxwell, W. S. Hogg, H. Saundercock; Ellesmere: T. M. Wheeler, L. P. McCloy; North Canterbury: L. Hawkins, R. Catherwood, F. Waterland, F. J. Foley; Malvern: R. G. Deans, M. E. Jenkins, H. M. Bull. C. Perkins, secretary.

1948—C. McKeegan, chairman; Hurunui: W. S. Hogg, E. Burrows, S. Maxwell; Ellesmere: W. G. Millar, T. M. Wheeler, L. P. McCloy; North Canterbury: F. Waterland, R. D. Catherwood, F. J. Foley; Malvern: H. M. Bull, R. G. Deans; Peninsula: T. P. Robinson, C. J. McIntosh, W. B. Moore, M. B. McMaster. C. Perkins, secretary.

1949—C. McKeegan, chairman; Hurunui: W. Hogg; Ellesmere: T. M. Wheeler, G. E. Rennie, L. P. McCloy, W. S. Templeton; North Canterbury: R. D. Catherwood, L. Hawkins, F. Waterland, F. J. Foley;

Malvern: S. Tolerton, R. G. Deans, H. M. Bull; Peninsula: T. P. Robinson, W. R. Moore, H. Mould.

1950—C. McKeegan, chairman; Hurunui: W. S. Hogg, H. Saundercock, S. Maxwell; Ellesmere: W. H. Parkin, L. P. McCloy, W. S. Templeton; North Canterbury: R. D. Catherwood, F. J. Foley, L. Hawkins, F. R. Waterland; Malvern: S. Tolerton, H. M. Bull, A. T. Dunbar; Peninsula: H. Mould, I. Whyte, W. R. Moore, T. P. Robinson. C. H. McPhail, C.R.U.

1951—C. McKeegan, chairman; Hurunui: S. Maxwell; Ellesmere: L. P. McCloy, T. M. Wheeler, J. D. Mackay, G. E. Rennie; North Canterbury: J. McClung, R. Catherwood, L. Hawkins, F. J. Foley; Malvern: H. M. Bull, L. D. Adams, S. Tolerton; Peninsula: W. R. Moore.

1952—C. W. McKeegan, chairman; Hurunui: J. H. Barrell, W. Drake, S. Maxwell; Ellesmere: T. M. Wheeler, J. D. Mackay, L. P. McCloy, G. E. Rennie; North Canterbury: F. J. Foley, C. W. Robb, R. D. Catherwood, J. McClung; Malvern: H. M. Bull, L. Roper, D. J. Gilmour; Peninsula: W. Moore, L. Craw, T. P. Robinson.

1953—C. W. McKeegan, chairman; Hurunui: J. H. Burrell, W. Drake, S. Maxwell; Ellesmere: T. M. Wheeler, G. E. Rennie, L. P. McCloy, J. D. Mackay; North Canterbury: F. J. Foley, A. W. Inch, C. W. Robb, R. D. Catherwood; Malvern: H. M. Bull, L. E. Roper, D. J. Gilmour; Peninsula: W. Moore, L. Craw, T. Robinson.

1954—C. McKeegan, chairman; Hurunui: J. H. Burrell, N. E. E. McIntosh, S. Maxwell, W. Drake; Ellesmere: J. D. Mackay, G. E. Rennie, L. P. McCloy, T. M. Wheeler; North Canterbury: A. M. Henderson, A. W. Inch, R. D. Catherwood, F. J. Foley; Malvern: L. D. Adams, L. E. Roper, E. R. Stewart, J.R. Potter; Peninsula: T. M. Robinson, P. N. Ussher, L. L. Craw.

1955—C. McKeegan, chairman; Hurunui: J. H. Burrell, N. McIntosh, S. Maxwell; Ellesmere: G. A. Lassen, L. P. McCloy, G. E. Rennie, J. D. Mackay; North Canterbury: F. J. Foley, A. W. Inch, A. M. Henderson; Malvern: L. E. Roper, L. D. Adams; Peninsula: T. P. Robinson, P. Ussher, L. L. Craw.

1956—C. McKeegan, chairman; Hurunui: F. Forrester, S. Maxwell, N. McIntosh, J. H. Burrell; Ellesmere: G. E. Rennie, L. P. McCloy, G. A. Lassen, J. D. Mackay; North Canterbury: F. J. Foley, R. Catherwood, A. W. Inch, A. M. Henderson; Malvern: L. D. Adams, E. R. Stewart, L. E. Roper, B. Parsons; Peninsula: P. Ussher, T. P. Robinson.

1957—F. J. Foley, chairman; Hurunui: S. Maxwell, N. McIntosh A. H. Black, E. A. Harrison; Ellesmere: G. E. Rennie, L. P. McCloy, G. A. Lassen, J. D. Mackay; North Canterbury: A. M. Henderson, A.

W. Inch, R. D. Catherwood; Malvern: L. D. Adams, L. E. Roper, E. R. Stewart, W. Henderson; Peninsula: T. P. Robinson, P. Ussher, T. E. Armstrong.

1958—F. J. Foley, chairman; Hurunui: E. A. Harrison, N. McIntosh, S. Maxwell; Ellesmere: G. E. Rennie, M. R. Barnett, G. A. Lassen, J. D. Mackay; North Canterbury: A. W. Inch, R. J. M. Millar, R. D. Catherwood, E. A. Gillman; Malvern: W. D. Henderson, E. R. Stewart, L. E. Roper, L. D. Adams; Peninsula: P. N. Ussher, T. P. Robinson, J. J. Harvey.

1959—F. J. Foley, chairman; Hurunui: N. McIntosh, E. A. Harrison, S. Maxwell; Ellesmere: M. R. Barnett, G. A. Lassen, G. E. Rennie, J. D. Mackay; North Canterbury: A. W. Inch, R. D. Catherwood, R. J. M. Millar, A. M. Henderson; Malvern: L. D. Adams, W. Henderson, E. R. Stewart, L. E. Roper; Peninsula: H. C. Swaney, P. N. Ussher, R. H. Bryant, T. E. Armstrong.

1960—F. J. Foley, chairman; Hurunui: N. McIntosh, E. Harrison, S. Maxwell; Ellesmere: M. R. Barnett, G. A. Lassen, G. E. Rennie G. W. Amyes; North Canterbury: R. D. Catherwood, A. M. Henderson, A. W. Inch; Malvern: L. E. Roper, E. R. Stewart, L. D. Adams, W. D. Henderson; Peninsula: P. Ussher, T. E. Armstrong, J. J. Harvey.

1961—R. D. Catherwood, chairman; Hurunui: F. J. Shadbolt, E. R. Harrison, C. Burrows, N. McIntosh; Ellesmere: J. D. Mackay, G. S. Tobeck, M. N. Watson; North Canterbury: R. D. Catherwood, A. M. Henderson, A. W. Inch, J. D. Wilson; Malvern: W. Henderson, M. S. Henry, L. D. Adams; Peninsula: H. C. Swaney, P. N. Ussher.

1962—R. D. Catherwood, chairman; Hurunui: N. McIntosh, F. Shadbolt, W. Drake; Ellesmere: M. R. Barnett, G. W. Amyes, G. S. McEvedy, G. S. Tobeck; North Canterbury: A. M. Henderson, J. D. Wilson, E. A. Gillman; Malvern: L. E. Roper, W. Henderson, W. Robinson; Peninsula: J. J. Harvey, P. Ussher.

1963—R. D. Catherwood, chairman; Hurunui: N. McIntosh, F. Shadbolt; Ellesmere: G. F. McEvedy, M. R. Barnett, G. W. Amyes, G. S. Tobeck; North Canterbury: E. A. Gillman, J. D. Wilson, R. J. M. Millar; Malvern: W. Henderson, P. Rice; Peninsula: P. Ussher, H. Swaney, J. J. Brankin; J.A.B. delegate: D. O'Callaghan; Referees delegate: G. S. Tobeck.

1964—R. D. Catherwood, chairman; Hurunui: N. McIntosh, F. Shadbolt, C. Burrows, E. R. Le Pine; Ellesmere: M. R. Barnett, G. W. Amyes, D. C. McMillan, G. F. McEvedy; North Canterbury: A. M. Henderson, R. J. M. Millar, E. A. Gillman; Malvern: P. Reardon, J. Gunn, H. Evans, W. G. Wilson; Peninsula: P. Ussher, J. J. Brankin; J.A.B.: D. O'Callaghan; Referees: G. S. Tobeck.

1965—R. D. Catherwood, chairman; Hurunui: N. McIntosh, E. R. Le Pine, C. Burrows, F. J. Shadbolt; Ellesmere: G. A. H. Atkinson, G. F. McEvedy, D. C. McMillan; North Canterbury: R. J. M. Millar, J. W. Wilson, A. M. Henderson, E. A. Gillman; Malvern: W. G. Wilson, P. Reardon, F. Workman, T. Brankin; Peninsula: J. J. Brankin, T. J. Morgan, P. Ussher, L. Johns; J.A.B.: D. O'Callaghan; Referees delegate: G. S. Tobeck.

1966—R. D. Catherwood, chairman; Hurunui: F. Shadbolt, E. R. Le Pine, N. McIntosh, C. Burrows; Ellesmere: G. F. McEvedy, D. C. McMillan, R. L. A. McMillan, E. J. Hall; North Canterbury: I. D. Wilson, E. A. Gillman, R. J. M. Millar; Malvern: John Gunn, W. Wilson, A. M. King, K. G. Gillanders; Peninsula: P. N. Ussher, J. J. Brankin; Referees delegate: G. S. Tobeck.

1967—R. D. Catherwood, chairman; Hurunui: C. Burrows, Jules Le Leivre, N. E. E. McIntosh, F. J. Shadbolt, E. R. Le Pine; Ellesmere: J. Brankin, T. Brankin, W. Buckland, L. Lassen, G. W. Amyes, G. S. Tobeck; North Canterbury: I. D. Wilson, R. J. M. Millar, W. D. Legg, W. Snellex, E. A. Gillman; Referees delegate: S. C. Miller; J.A.B. delegate: Rex Moir.

1968—M. R. Barnett, chairman; Hurunui: F. Shadbolt, E. R. Le Pine, P. O'Malley, D. McGiffert, H. Ginders; Ellesmere: D. C. McMillan, T. Brankin, G. W. Amyes, G. S. Tobeck, H. D. Baylis; Referees delegate: S. C. Miller; J.A.B. delegate: L. Johns.

1969—M. R. Barnett, chairman; Hurunui: N. E. E. McIntosh, E. R. Le Pine, L. Hassell, A. D. Aldersley, J. Calder, F. J. Shadbolt; Ellesmere: D. C. McMillan, H. D. Baylis, G. W. Amyes, T. Brankin, L. A. Lassen; North Canterbury: R. J. M. Millar, J. D. Wilson, F. Loe, K. A. McKenzie, W. Legg; Referees delegate: S. C. Miller; J.A.B. delegate: L. Johns.

1970—M. R. Barnett, chairman; Hurunui: F. J. Shadbolt, E. R. Le Pine, L. Hassell, H. Ginders, D. McGiffert, A. Aldersley; Ellesmere: H. D. Baylis, D. C. McMillan, T. Brankin, L. Lassen, L. Johns; North Canterbury: F. Loe, P. Robinson, J. D. Wilson, W. Legg, K. McKenzie, R. J. M. Millar; Referees delegate: S. C. Miller; J.A.B. delegate: N. J. Twose.

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1972—F. J. Shadbolt, chairman; Hurunui: N. E. E. McIntosh, L. Hassell, A. McIntosh, D. McGiffert, E. R. Le Pine; Ellesmere: M. R.

Barnett, L. Lassen, T. Brankin, H. D. Baylis, M. Cooper, G. Tobeck; North Canterbury: P. Robinson, R. Croft, W. Legg, F. Loe, J. D. Wilson, R. J. M. Millar; Life member: R. D. Catherwood.

1973—F. J. Shadbolt, chairman; Hurunui: L. Hassell, E. R. Le Pine, A. McIntosh, D. McGiffert; Ellesmere: T. H. Brankin, G. W. Amyes, H. D. Baylis, M. Cooper, G. S. Tobeck, J. Stubberfield; North Canterbury: W. Snellex, J. D. Wilson, R. Croft, F. Loe, W. Legg, R. J. M. Millar; Referees delegate: S. C. Miller; J.A.B. delegate: R. Hay.

1974—R. J. M. Millar, chairman; Hurunui: L. Hassell, D. McGiffert, N. McIntosh, A. McIntosh, E. R. Le Pine; Ellesmere: L. A. Lassen, H. D. Baylis, D. McClintock, T. Brankin, G. R. Millar, M. Cooper; North Canterbury: F. Loe, W. Snellex, P. Robinson, R. Croft, W. Legg; Referees delegate: S. C. Miller; J.A.B. delegate:: D. McGiffert; Life member: M. R. Barnett.

1975—R. J. M. Millar, chairman; Hurunui: E. R. Le Pine, N. McIntosh, A. McIntosh, D. McGiffert, L. Hassell; Ellesmere: L. Lassen, D. McClintock, H. D. Baylis, M. Cooper, T. Brankin, G. W. Amyes; North Canterbury: F. Loe, R. Croft, P. Robinson, O. Thomas, E. Ayrton, G. R. G. Millar; Referees delegate: S. C. Miller; J.A.B. delegate: D. McGiffert.

COUNTRY SENIOR SELECTORS

1936: C. McKeegan, Rev. T. Patterson, J. W. Calder.
1937: C. McKeegan, J. W. Calder, J. Pickering.
1938: C. McKeegan, T. Robinson, H. Dalley.
1939: C. McKeegan, T. Robinson, H. Dalley.
1940: H. Dalley, T. Robinson, C. McKeegan.
1946: T. M. Wheeler, C. McKeegan, F. J. Foley.
1947: F. J. Foley, C. McKeegan, T. M. Wheeler.
1948: C. McKeegan, F. J. Foley, T. M. Wheeler.
1949: C. McKeegan, T. Wheeler, F. Foley.
1950: C. McKeegan, T. Wheeler, F. J. Foley.
1951: T. M. Wheeler, F. J. Foley, P. N. Ussher.
1952: T. M. Wheeler, F. J. Foley, P. N. Ussher.
1953: F. J. Foley, B. Henderson, D. Mould.
1954: G. Rennie, D. Mould, F. Foley.
1955: G. E. Rennie, F. J. Foley, D. E. Loader.

1956: G. E. Rennie, G. Lindstrom, A. M. Henderson.
1957: G. Rennie, G. Lindstrom, A. M. Henderson.
1958: G. E. Rennie, A. M. Henderson, F. Turner.
1959: C. R. Watson, H. Swaney.
1960: C. R. Watson, H. Swaney.
1961: C. R. Watson, H. Swaney.
1962: C. R. Watson, H. Swaney.
1963: C. R. Watson, D. K. Coleman.
1964: C. R. Watson, J. Hotop.
1965: C. R. Watson, J. Hotop.
1966: J. Hotop, L. D. Davies.
1967: J. Hotop, L. D. Davies.
1968: J. Hotop, L. D. Davies.
1969: L. D. Davies, I. McNally.
1970: J. M. Le Leivre, I. McNally.
1971: J. M. Le Leivre, sole selector with power to co-opt. Mr A. E. G. Elsom was invited to assist Mr Le Leivre.
1972: J. M. Le Leivre, with Mr A. E. G. Elsom to assist if required.
1973: J. M. Le Leivre, A. E. G. Elsom assisted.
1974: J. M. Le Leivre, A. E. G. Elsom assisted.
1975: A. E. Hopkinson, W. D. Cotterill assisted.

Prior to the formation of the Country Rugby Sub-Union's Association in 1935, Country teams were selected by a Canterbury senior selector plus the appointed Country Selectors.

BOUNDARIES OF THE C.R.S.U.

The Boundaries of Country Rugby Sub-Union's territory are the Rakaia River in the south, the Clarence River in the north, the Great Divide in the west and the sea coast in the east, excluding the Christchurch area directly administrated by the Canterbury Rugby Union.

As the history has stated, the Kaikoura Club at the present time has dispensation from the C.R.U. and the Hurunui Sub-Union, to participate in the Marlborough Union's competition. At the expiry of their dispensation, it could transpire that this club be permanently associated with Marlborough, therefore a boundary south of Kaikoura will have to be agreed on between Marlborough and Canterbury Unions and approved by the New Zealand Rugby Union.

In order to protect the existence of the Cheviot Club and the Hurunui Sub-Union, it is apparent that a new boundary must not be south of the Kahautara River.

Apart from the northern boundary of the C.R.U. area, which is the Waimakariri River, the entire boundary between Town and Country, concerns the Ellesmere Combined Sub-Union and is certainly more difficult to police, but with common sense and flexibility, the administrators in the past have been competent to surmount all problems.

This boundary is defined as follows: From a point from the Waimakariri River, along Chattertons Road to Dawson's Road, to the Main South Road, from there through the Templeton township to Marshs Road, follow Marshs Road, cross Springs Road to Quaifs Road to Sabys Road to Candys Road, which ends at the main Tai Tapu Road. From this point a direct line through Landsdown Valley to Cass Peak to Coopers Knob and from there a direct line to Teddington at the top of the Lyttleton Harbour.

VALEDICTORY

The work involved in compiling this history has reached mammoth dimensions and I would recommend to future officials of Country and individual sub-unions that an accurate record of all activities be noted—this especially applies to results of games and representative players.

Let us take advantage of one hundred years experience . . .